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October 27, 2014

LtGen Joseph Weber, USMC (Ret)  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear General Weber:

Pursuant to Rider 18, Additional Funds, in the Department of Transportation's bill pattern in Article VII of the General Appropriations Act for the 2014–15 biennium, your October 24, 2014, request for authorization from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to spend an additional \$402 million in State Highway Funds above amounts appropriated to TxDOT for the 2014–15 biennium to address critical safety projects and roadways that have been impacted by energy sector activity has been approved. Approval of this request is contingent upon concurrent approval from the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy (GOBPP).

The LBB acknowledges TxDOT's formal termination of its high-end unpaved road conversion policy and commitment to using these additional State Highway Funds to deliver safety and energy sector roadway projects under the traditional bidding process. Upon concurrent GOBPP approval of this request or as soon as practicable, please provide LBB staff with a status report on projects selected for funding under this authorization.

If you need additional information regarding this matter, please contact Thomas Galvan at 512-463-1169 or [Thomas.Galvan@lbb.state.tx.us](mailto:Thomas.Galvan@lbb.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ursula Parks".

Ursula Parks  
Director

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**RICK PERRY**  
**GOVERNOR**

October 29, 2014

LtGen. J.F. Weber  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear LtGen Weber:

Pursuant to Rider 18, Additional Funds, in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in Article VII of the General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, your October 24, 2014 request to access \$402 million in additional funding (State Highway Fund – 006) for FY 2015 has been approved.

This approval is subject to the concurrent approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

Please feel free to contact Will Buchanan at (512) 463-1778 if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kate McGrath  
Director of Budget, Planning & Policy

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cc:

Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

October 28, 2014

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