



DALLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

December 6, 2011

Commissioner Bill Meadows
Texas Transportation Commission
Dewitt C. Greer State Highway Building
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear Commissioner Meadows:

We are writing this letter to express our appreciation for the collaborative effort and partnering for the IH 35 E SB 1420 initiative. As mentioned by our partners at Denton County, the success of this project and process will provide regional, state and national significance.

Dallas County initially elected to participate with the city of Carrollton on the IH 35E project at Belt Line Rd in 2004. This project was approved by the Commissioners Court through the Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). As with many of the MCIP projects, Dallas County's contribution of \$4 million was in conjunction with funding from the City, North Texas Council of Government and TxDOT. Total participation for this proposed grade separation is specified at \$35 Million. Commissioners Court approved Court Order No. 2011 18G3 on October 25th specifying our commitment as a key stakeholder for this current SB 1420 Committee identifying this participation.

The Major Capitol Improvement Program is Dallas County's primary program in the development and partnership for projects. We have continuously committed funding to transportation initiatives and projects through efforts such as this committee. Since 1999, Dallas County has approved and selected projects investing approximately \$450 million which will leverage with our partners approximately \$1.07 billion of improvements for the Dallas County region.

In early 2012, Dallas County will commence implementation of the 6th MCIP Call for Projects with its partner cities. These projects are scheduled to be approved by Commissioners Court in early 2013. Construction and/or available funding for the 6th Call is scheduled for 2016 through 2020. The Cities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Lewisville and any other corridor cities will be encouraged to submit projects that will support the construction of IH35 E, along with their other projects.



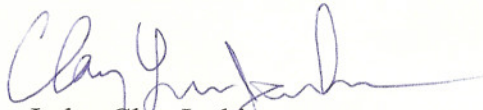
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This action models the Dallas County Strategic Plan in that the completion of this project will result in transportation improvements to "improve the quality of life and make the County a destination of choice" for our customers-the citizens, taxpayers, transportation users, and communities. This involves "interagency partnership and collaboration" with our partners in the cities, regional councils, state agencies and federal administrations.

Dallas County looks forward to working with a committed team and being a key (or valued) player in seeing this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,


Judge Clay Jenkins
Dallas County Judge


Commissioner Mike Cantrell
Dallas County Commissioner, District 2