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The Honorable Eddie Arnold, Chairman  
Texas Conference of Urban Counties  
500 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Arnold,

During the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1747 and it was recently signed into law by the Governor. In passing the bill, the legislature authorized the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to develop rules and administer the program.

SB 1747 created a funding program for county transportation infrastructure projects in areas affected by growth in the energy sector. Funding may be provided to a county only if it has designated at least one county energy transportation reinvestment zone in accordance with provisions added by the bill.

Any expenditure made by the county prior to the implementation of SB 1747 will not be reimbursed by TxDOT or be used to satisfy a part of a county's matching fund requirement, as outlined in the legislation.

TxDOT has not yet created a timeline for implementing SB 1747 but, as required by the bill, rules implementing the program will be adopted as soon as practicable after the effective date of the bill, which is September 1, 2013.

We look forward to working with your association. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (512) 305-9501. If your staff has questions they should contact Trent Thomas, in our State Legislative Affairs Division, at (512) 463-6397 or by email at [Trent.Thomas@txdot.gov](mailto:Trent.Thomas@txdot.gov).

Sincerely,

Phil Wilson  
Executive Director

cc: Trent Thomas, State Legislative Affairs, TxDOT

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