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Business Diversity Advisory Council Formed to Help Encourage Contract Opportunities for Women and Minorities

Plano, TX – At its regularly scheduled board meeting Monday, May 18, the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Board of Directors approved the formation of the NTTA Business Diversity Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise the NTTA’s Business Diversity Department (BDD) in its efforts to encourage the participation of minority, women, small and disadvantaged business enterprises in NTTA contract opportunities.

The BDAC will be comprised of six members who will be recommended by the board and selected as representatives of the four counties currently served by the NTTA. One “at large” member also will be selected.

“The inclusion of women and minorities in contracting opportunities is a hallmark of successful government entities,” said NTTA Chairman Paul N. Wageman. “The formation of the Business Diversity Advisory Council is further evidence of our commitment to enhancing our relationship with the minority, women, small and disadvantaged business contracting community, thereby helping to enrich the economy of North Texas.”

In addition to providing ongoing advisory support, the BDAC will assist the BDD with outreach activities, serve as a primary resource in identifying specific industry groups to target procurements, and help identify barriers experienced in contracting by minority, women, small and disadvantaged business enterprises.

The BADC is scheduled to be formed in July.

About the NTTA

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The nine-member governing board is comprised of Chairman Paul N. Wageman; Vice Chairman Victor Vandergriff; and Directors Kenneth Barr, Gary Base, Bob Day, David Denison, Michael Nowels, Bob Shepard and Alan E. Sims.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and is responsible for the NTTA System, consisting of the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

Visit the NTTA Web site at www.ntta.org or call 214-461-2000 for additional information about the NTTA. For customer service, please call 972-818-NTTA (6882).

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