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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Ref: Request for TIGER II Funding for Southwest and Chisholm Trail Parkway Project
in Tarrant and Johnson Counties near Ft Worth and Cleburne, Texas

Dear Honorable Ray LaHood,

The construction of Southwest and Chisholm Trail Parkway from Ft Worth, Texas to Cleburne, Texas will improve traffic safety, reduce traffic congestion and greatly improve mobility in a large area which begins in an urban area in Ft Worth but extends twenty one miles southwest through the rural area in Johnson County, connecting with existing U. S. Highway 67 in Cleburne.

The population of Johnson County is currently 166,759 and according to the North Central Texas Council of Governments will be approximately 444,151 people by 2030. Tarrant County currently has a population of 1,746,082 and is projected to have 2,291,723 in 2030. Most of us know that highway projects take many years to plan and build. The Southwest and Chisholm Parkway Project has taken at least forty years to advance it to the current state. The Dallas/Ft Worth Metroplex is expected to have a population of 6,000,000 by 2030.

This project will also greatly enhance the economy of this area. It will traverse approximately 21 miles of area which will be opened up with transportation access for residential, commercial and industrial development for many years in to the future.

Your consideration of allocating a portion of the TIGER II funds to this worthwhile project and your forward thinking and planning will be greatly appreciated by these 6,000,000 people in this area.

Sincerely,

Jackie Pinkerton
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Cleburne Chamber of Commerce