

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write today to encourage your support of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) grant applications for the TIGER II program. The applications are for three components of a critical mobility corridor that runs directly through my district – Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail in Johnson County, Texas.

Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail, an approximately 28-mile corridor from downtown Fort Worth to Cleburne, is a critical infrastructure project on the North Texas region's mobility plan for more than four decades. The transportation funding shortfall has created a significant burden on the delivery of this important project and the region is dependent on the completion of this project for many economic development initiatives.

Further, Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail has been identified as a high priority project by local, state and federal leadership, due in large part to the corridor's projected immediate and ongoing impact on the economic development and the quality of life of the citizens of the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

I urge your support of the NTTA's applications for TIGER II Grant funding. The TIGER II grants will serve as a critical funding resource in the expedition of Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail, a high priority for North Texas and for my constituents. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter and please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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