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

RE: Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway (Highway 121) Project

Dear Mr. LaHood;

Having grown up in Johnson County, Texas, and having been a business owner in Cleburne for many years, I have seen the growing necessity for a highway connecting Cleburne/Johnson County with Fort Worth. The amount of traffic that is currently using routes that are continuing to gain traffic lights, and that also traverse through continually populating areas, has been an increasingly alarming concern. The concern is with safety, and with the ability to get from one place to another in any reasonable amount of time.

The Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex area has continued to grow despite the state of the economy. The growth may be fueled in part by the influx of individuals seeking work in an area that has been blessed to have a lower unemployment rate than much of the nation. As the density of that growth becomes more concentrated in the immediate "larger city" area, many re-locate to the suburbs. In this case, Cleburne has experienced a lot of that growth, and it continues to do so as time passes.

The construction of this highway project will alleviate a lot of those safety concerns that we have here, and I believe it is absolutely vital in order for Cleburne to continue to survive economically based on our geographic location. As time passes, the problems will only continue to increase without this major improvement. Please give much consideration to the funding of this project as I believe there are thousands of lives that will be affected in a positive way by the construction of this highway.

Thank you for your valuable time and if you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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