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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The City of Fort Worth wishes to express its support for the TIGER II/National Infrastructure Investment Grant application filed by the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA). The NTTA application seeks \$27.0 million to support completion of the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail in Tarrant and Johnson Counties including key portions within the City of Fort Worth.

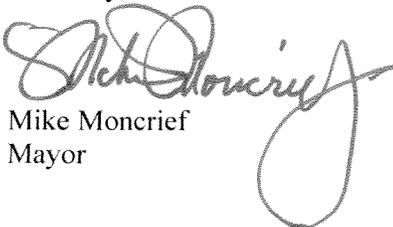
By way of background, it should be noted that the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway project has been identified as a “legacy” project, which means that it is a critical mobility project for the entire North Texas region. Further evidence of the regional significance of this project is the fact that joining in partnership with the NTTA are the Texas Department of Transportation, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, the Federal Highway Administration, Tarrant and Johnson Counties and the cities of Cleburne, Burleson and Fort Worth.

Regional mobility is an increasingly important fact for environmental and economic reasons. Our region, a non-attainment area, is currently working with the Environmental Protection Agency to address the issue of air quality from “mobile source.” Furthermore, Fort Worth and Tarrant County enjoy tremendous demographic and economic growth – Fort Worth, with a population of over 700,000, is currently the 17th largest city in the U. S., and despite the current economic downturn, we continue to experience steady growth.

For these reasons, providing for the efficient movement of people and goods is of paramount importance to Fort Worth and the entire region. The completion of the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Project constitutes a vitally important component of our transportation improvement plans for North Texas.

Thank you for your consideration of the NTTA grant application. Should you or your staff have any questions relative to the City’s support of the NTTA application, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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