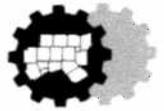


## Regional Transportation Council

The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments  
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)



July 23, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. On behalf of the RTC, we have reviewed the **Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway** project submitted by the North Texas Tollway Authority. The RTC would support the United States Department of Transportation's selection for this project to receive a TIGER II TIFIA payment.

This project is included in Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area 2009 Amendment. The project is also included in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2008-11 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project has been in the regional transportation plan for four decades, and is now moving to completion. This vital project will reduce congestion on nearby highways as well as surface streets and provide links to key regional economic generators.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, at (817) 695-9241.

Sincerely,

Ron Natinsky  
Chair, Regional Transportation Council  
Councilmember, City of Dallas

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