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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DISTRICT 58

June 4, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to offer my support to the TIGER II/NII grant application being submitted by the North Texas Tollway Authority for projects related to the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway. The terminus points of this project are within both Johnson and Tarrant Counties.

As the State Representative for Johnson County (District 58 of the Texas House of Representatives), I am extremely supportive of the project which will have a positive impact on my constituents.

Secretary LaHood, any consideration of this request and subsequent award of grant funds will be greatly appreciated. The Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway has been on the books for at least 40 years making it a legacy project that is critical to the entire North Texas region and most especially to Johnson and Tarrant Counties.

This shovel-ready roadway will be a major link from Cleburne in rural Johnson County to Fort Worth in Tarrant County. This road will enhance the movement of goods and people and increase economic opportunities for all of Johnson County.

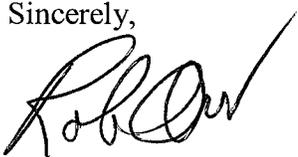
The Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway has massive support and "buy-in" from all sectors of our communities. From the chambers of commerce to the cities, counties, business community and elected officials on all levels (local, state and national) support for the project is overwhelming and partnerships continue to grow and develop.

I have followed and worked on this project for many years — even before I was elected to serve in the Texas Legislature — and have witnessed the dramatic growth of our area and know how important this thoroughfare is. Not only will it help relieve congestion on the already crowded I-35 W, it will improve air quality and enhance the lives of our citizens. The Parkway will open many doors for economic development that currently do not exist. Above all else, the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway will improve the quality of life for our current and future citizens.

Secretary LaHood, I again ask for your careful consideration and support of this grant application. The awarding of this grant will help bring this long-awaited project to completion.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support with you. If you have any questions, or if I can provide any additional information, please contact my office at 817-295-5158.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Orr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Representative Rob Orr

cc: Senator John Cornyn  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison  
Congressman Chet Edwards  
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