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SENATOR WENDY R DAVIS
District 10

June 10, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

As a State Senator who represents more than 700,000 constituents in North Texas, I want to express my full support for consideration of the North Texas Tollway Authority's (NTTA) application for funding of the Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway through the TIGER II Grant/TIFIA program.

During my tenure on the Regional Transportation Council in North Texas, I became acutely aware of the transportation challenges facing communities in southwest Tarrant County extending into Johnson County. This innovative project plan connects urban and rural communities in dire need of improved transportation infrastructure. Traffic congestion on limited roadways has created unique challenges to North Texas, particularly because the region is considered a federal non-attainment area for air quality due, in large part, to traffic congestion. Federal funding would go a long way toward mitigating the area's transportation congestion and would improve air quality issues. As we know, transportation infrastructure is absolutely essential to economic development, and we must be proactive in growing our local and regional economies. This project, which has been a priority for decades, would generate job creation.

As a member of the Texas Senate Committee on Transportation, it is my understanding that this project has widespread support, including that of the Texas Department of Transportation, North Central Texas Council of Governments, and a host of local governments and elected officials. The project would be a collaborative effort. Therefore, on behalf of the constituents of Texas Senate District 10, I am strongly supporting the NTTA's application of Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway, under the TIGER II Grant/TIFIA program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy R. Davis".

Wendy Davis
Texas Senator - District 10