



B. GLEN WHITLEY
COUNTY JUDGE
of
TARRANT COUNTY

June 10, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As Tarrant County Judge, I am writing in support of the North Texas Tollway Authority's TIGER II Grant/TIFIA application for projects related to Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway is a legacy project. It has been a part of the region's mobility plan for four decades and it is a critical piece of the regional plan to relieve traffic congestion in North Texas, our nation's fourth largest urban area.

The 27.6 mile corridor in southwest Tarrant County and northeast Johnson County will originate at Interstate Highway 30 in Fort Worth and continue south to U.S. 67 in Cleburne. The project is shovel ready and NTTA plans to finance it in the Fall of 2010. It will enhance economic development and job creation. In addition, it provides rural connectivity and improves access to an economically disadvantaged population. The project is environmentally sustainable.

The Southwest Parkway/Chisholm Trail Parkway project has longstanding support from citizens' groups, local business leaders and elected officials, the Texas Transportation Commission, state legislative leaders and members of Congress. I ask for your support of this project and ask you to provide any assistance you can to our region.

Sincerely,

Glen Whitley
County Judge
Tarrant County, Texas