



September 10, 2009

TIGER Discretionary Grant Application
I.H. 30 HOV/Managed Lanes Project
Dallas and Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas

Mr. Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation and the North Central Texas Council of Governments efforts to secure funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant for the Interstate Highway (I.H.) 30 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Managed Lanes Project in Dallas and Grand Prairie, Texas. Implementation of this project will enable the State to provide an innovative and efficient means of congestion relief, enhanced mobility, and improved air quality in a heavily-traveled and highly commercialized corridor in western Dallas County.

In 2007, the I.H. 30 corridor was granted designation as a Value Pricing Program test corridor by the U.S. Department of Transportation, and an interim HOV-only design was phased in to meet Transportation Control Measure (TCM) requirements for the Texas Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). Specifically, the TIGER Discretionary Grant for this project will enable implementation of two reversible, barrier-separated HOV/Managed Lanes between the Dallas/Tarrant County Line and Sylvan Avenue, including the addition of two pairs of elevated wishbone access/egress ramps. The project will also include an additional general purpose lane in each direction between the Dallas/Tarrant County Line and Loop 12.

The HOV/Managed Lanes are a vital component of this region's long-range transportation plan which will: 1) help address the area's current air quality non-attainment status; 2) reduce single-occupant vehicle travel by providing travel time and pricing incentives to high-occupancy vehicle and transit passengers; 3) make available high-speed reliable travel to all corridor users; 4) create opportunities to examine operation and pricing strategies for the region; and, 5) create revenue generation to pay for ongoing corridor operation and maintenance needs. This project will create an important opportunity for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, as well as the State and the Nation, to directly evaluate alternative ways for addressing urban transportation needs in an efficient manner, with respect to both cost and the environment.

If I may be of further assistance with this TIGER application, please contact Jim Sparks, Director of Transportation, jsparks@gptx.org at 972-237-8132. We greatly appreciate your consideration of the I.H. 30 HOV/Managed Lanes Project.

Sincerely,

Tom Hart
City Manager



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August 31, 2009

Ms. Christie Jestis
Program Manager
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North Central Texas Council of Governments
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Dear Ms. Jestis:

The Texas Department of Transportation is pleased to support your application for funds under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program for the I-30 HOV/managed lanes wishbone ramps project in the cities of Grand Prairie and Dallas. Should you receive funding under this program, our agency will work with you closely to expedite the project.

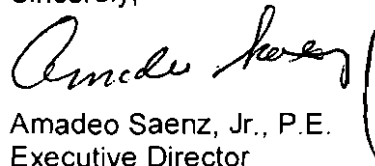
We appreciate the importance of the I-30 HOV/managed lanes project for your region and assure you that it holds statewide priority as well because it will improve the capacity of this major interstate highway and stimulate the economy of this Dallas-Fort Worth area.

As you may know, each state is eligible to receive a maximum of \$300 million in total funding through this program. After reviewing your request, our agency has concluded that this project could compete favorably for these limited resources and have confirmed that your proposal meets the following criteria of the program:

- long-term outcomes: economic competitiveness, sustainability, safety
- jobs creation/economic stimulus
- innovation
- partnership

We appreciate your ongoing involvement in Texas transportation. Our staff is prepared to assist you if you need help in finalizing your application. If you have additional questions or need more information, please contact me at (512) 305-9501, or your staff may contact Robin Ayers, Congressional Liaison in our Government and Public Affairs Division, at (512) 463-8345.

Sincerely,



Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Texas Transportation Commission
Robin Ayers, Government and Public Affairs Division, TxDOT

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