



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

September 21, 2016

The Honorable Keith Self
County Judge, Collin County
Collin County Commissioners Court
Collin County Administration Building
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192
McKinney, TX 75071

The Honorable Duncan Webb
Commissioner – Precinct 4
Collin County Commissioners Court
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Dear Judge Self and Commissioner Webb:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is recommending that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) continue the funding partnership with Collin County to utilize Low-Income Repair and Replacement Assistance Program/Local Initiative Projects funds for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds. The County was awarded \$1.5 million in CMAQ funds and obligated \$984,706 in Fiscal Year 2016, leaving a balance of \$515,294, which is being recommended to carry-over into Fiscal Year 2017. In addition, Collin County requested \$2 million for Fiscal Year 2017. Recognizing Collin County's fast growth rate, NCTCOG is recommending an additional \$1 million be added to the \$2 million request to address increased transportation needs. Therefore, the total funding to be requested from the RTC for the funding partnership with Collin County for Fiscal Year 2017 is approximately \$3.5 million. Preliminary interest from cities suggest that there will be no difficulty obligating all funds for transportation projects that garner air quality benefits.

NCTCOG will keep the County informed of all developments related to this effort. I appreciate your support for these initiatives that help improve air quality and provide congestion relief. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Klaus, Senior Program Manager, at (817) 695-9286 or cklaus@nctcog.org.

Sincerely,

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