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August 1, 2011

Mr. Peter Rogoff
FTA Administrator
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

On behalf of the Rural Transit Districts and Intercity Bus Operators in Texas, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is submitting three projects in one consolidated application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the State of Good Repair competitive program call. These projects replace fleet and facilities, and rehabilitate existing facilities or construct new ones critical to the viability of rural public transportation programs in Texas and the connecting points to elsewhere in the country.

Texas continues to grow and we anticipate the soon to be released 2010 census data to reflect at least a 12 percent increase in population for the rural areas of the state – over one million additional people. Coordination plans in each of the state's 24 planning regions continue to emphasize the need for replacing aging fleet and facilities. Achieving a state of good repair is crucial for meeting the needs here in Texas and those of the FTA. Our consolidated application represents three large projects to address these goals.

Replacement of rural fleet: Procure 141 new vehicles replacing those averaging double their useful life standard based on mileage.
Request: \$11,148,900.

Replacement/Rehabilitation of rural facilities: Replace or rehabilitate 27 facilities around the state, replacing worn-out, environmentally obsolete, or otherwise inadequate operating and passenger facilities.
Request: \$10,645,433.

Intercity Bus fleet replacement and facility rehabilitation: On behalf of the Intercity Bus carriers serving Texas and points elsewhere in the nation, this application identifies 14 vehicles and 5 facilities which are of the utmost importance and urgency to the Intercity Bus industry to provide a safe and reliable intercity bus service.
Request: \$9,595,298.

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TxDOT has a strong, collaborative relationship with rural transit providers and intercity bus carriers. The items detailed in the consolidated application represent projects which have been determined at the grass roots level to be urgently needed.

TxDOT is ready to begin funding, monitoring, and otherwise carry out the projects listed when awards are announced by FTA. TxDOT's documented history of effective program stewardship and technical and financial capacity continues to be demonstrated in the successful audits we have undergone recently, and in our ongoing successes and spending rate under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The same resources and dedication will be applied to project funded under the FTA State of Good Repair Initiative.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 374-5233 or if your staff has any questions, they may contact Andrea Lofye in our Government and Public Affairs Division at (512) 475-1409.

Sincerely,


Eric L. Gleason
Director
Public Transportation Division

cc: Robert Patrick, Regional Administrator, FTA Region 6
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