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August 28, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: TIGER Application for IH-35: North Loop 340 to FM 1858

Dear Mr. Saenz:

The reconstruction and widening of Interstate 35 between Hillsboro and Williamson County is one of the most important transportation priorities for Texas. It's position between three of the largest cities in America and being the primary facility for NAFTA related truck traffic contributes to unacceptable levels of congestion for this facility. It's age contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar facilities within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and the DFW metroplex that has not been widened to a continuous 6 lanes.

The section of IH-35 between North Loop 340 and FM 1858 is ready for construction should funds become available. I wish to express my wholehearted support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this section of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery program. In addition, I would also like to express my appreciation to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance from my office, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

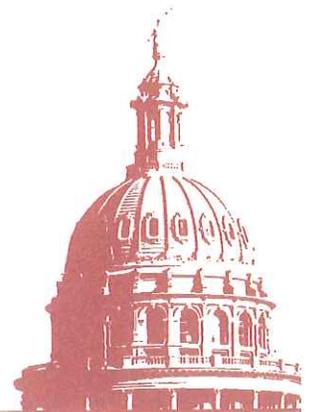
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles 'Doc' Anderson".

Honorable Charles 'Doc' Anderson
Texas House of Representatives
District 56

ce:CA

cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E. – Waco District Engineer





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September 8, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P. E.
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Re: TIGER Application for IH-35 North loop 340 in Waco to FM 1858 in West

Dear Mr. Saenz:

I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funding for the much needed reconstruction and expansion of Interstate 35 between Hillsboro and Salado in the Waco District. This section of Interstate 35 is one of the most important priorities for Texas and presently remains unfunded. Located between three of the largest cities in America, and being the primary facility for the truck traffic related to NAFTA, this section of IH35 contributes to unacceptable travel delays between Dallas and San Antonio on a regular basis.

A portion of the section of IH-35, from Salado to Hillsboro, specifically between north Loop 340 in Waco and FM1858 in West, will soon be ready for construction should funds become available. I express my wholehearted support for TxDot's efforts in submitting an application for this portion of HI-35 through the TIGER Grant Program.

Local business leaders and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have and continue to strongly support and prioritize the expansion of IH-35 to six lanes as the highest need in this region.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application. If you have any questions or need additional assistance from my office, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Kip Averitt

RESOLUTION 2009-020

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is the only Freeway Class Facility connecting the Dallas / Forth Worth, Waco, Killeen / Temple, Austin and San Antonio Metropolitan Areas and,

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway 35 corridor is one of the fastest growing regions within the United States where the population is expected to double within 40 years and,

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway 35 corridor plays a vital role in the movement of freight and cargo critical to the economies of the United States, Mexico, Canada and Texas and,

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on Interstate Highway 35 have consistently doubled every 20 years and,

WHEREAS, heavy truck percentages exceed 30% on most portions of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls and Bell Counties and,

WHEREAS, the section of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls, and Bell Counties are the last sections without 6 main lanes and continuous one-way frontage roads between the IH-35 E and IH-35 W split in Hillsboro and the San Antonio Metroplex and,

WHEREAS, several portions of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls, and Bell Counties were designed in the 1950's and built on top of road bases constructed in the 1930's and,

WHEREAS, the section of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West does not meet current design standards for Interstate Highways and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization has identified the reconstruction and widening of all sections of Interstate Highway 35 within McLennan County as the top regional priority within the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West has received environmental clearance and will be ready for construction prior to September 30, 2011 and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has verified that, if funded, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West can be completed in 2013 and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West is entirely located within McLennan County, Texas, which has been identified as an Economically Disadvantaged County.

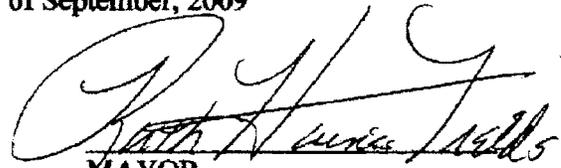
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLMEAD:

That the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability to the City of Bellmead, and entire McLennan County Metropolitan area.

That the City of Bellmead supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of September, 2009



MAYOR
City of Bellmead

ATTEST:



Interim City Manager
City of Bellmead



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September 15, 2009

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Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
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Re: TIGER Application for IH-35: From North Loop 340 in Waco to FM 1858 in West

Dear Mr. Saenz:

The needed reconstruction and expansion of Interstate 35 that remains unfunded between Hillsboro and Salado in the Waco district is one of the most important transportation priorities for Texas. IH 35 is the primary highway corridor in Texas for NAFTA related truck traffic. In addition, this section of IH 35 contributes to unacceptable travel delays between Dallas and San Antonio on a frequent basis even in rural areas. This congestion along with a 1950's highway design contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar facilities within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and Dallas - Fort Worth that has not been widened to six lanes.

A portion of this Salado to Hillsboro section of IH-35, specifically between North Loop 340 in Waco and FM 1858 in West will soon be ready for construction, should funds become available. I wish to express my wholehearted support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this portion of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program.

Local officials, business leaders and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have and continue to strongly support and prioritize the expansion of IH-35 to six lanes as the highest need in the region. Let me close by saying thanks to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application and seeking every possible way to fund this much needed improvement.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance from my office, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Name
Title

JAMES KUEHL
Interim City Manager



**BELLMEAD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

September 15, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
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Re: TIGER Application for IH-35: From North Loop 340 in Waco to FM 1858 in West

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Local officials, business leaders and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have and continue to strongly support and prioritize the expansion of IH-35 to six lanes as the highest need in the region. Let me close by saying thanks to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application and seeking every possible way to fund this much needed improvement.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance from my office, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Rev. R. Duane Hoxworth, Sr.
President

cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E. – TxDOT, Waco District Engineer

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August 27, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Saenz:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the TIGER application for IH-35: North Loop 340 to FM 1858.

The reconstruction and widening of Interstate 35 between Hillsboro and Williamson County is one of the most important transportation priorities for Texas. It's position between three of the largest cities in America and being the primary facility for NAFTA related truck traffic contributes to unacceptable levels of congestion for this facility. It's age contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar facilities within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and the DFW metroplex that has not been widened to a continuous 6 lanes.

The section of IH-35 between North Loop 340 and FM 1858 is ready for construction should funds become available. I wish to express my wholehearted support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this section of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery program.

In closing, I hope that you will give all due consideration to TXDOT's request for this important project. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dunnam", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Dunnam

JD/rd
cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E. – Waco District Engineer

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

August 27, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
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Dear Mr. Saenz:

Interstate 35 is a critical part of the every day lives of Texans and a significant economic engine not just for Texas, but for the entire United States. However, it's position between three of the largest cities in America coupled with being the primary facility for NAFTA related truck traffic contributes to unacceptable levels of traffic congestion. The section of highway through Central Texas which runs through my district, is of particular concern because of its position in the heart of our state. The significant age of this section contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar roadways within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and the DFW Metroplex that has not been widened into 6 continuous lanes.

The section of IH-35 between North Loop 340 and FM 1858 is currently ready for construction should funds become available. I wish to express my strong support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this section of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery program. In addition, I would also like to express my appreciation to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance from my office, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Chet Edwards
Member of Congress

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Executive Director

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August 28, 2009

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RE: TIGER Application for IH-35: North Loop 340 to FM 1858

Dear Mr. Saenz:

The reconstruction and widening of Interstate 35 between the Hillsboro and Williamson County is one of the most important transportation priorities for Texas. This stretch of Interstate between three of the largest cities in America serves as the primary facility for NAFTA related truck traffic which is contributing to unacceptable levels of congestion for this facility. The age of the Interstate in this section contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar facilities within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and the DFW metroplex that has not been widened to a continuous 6 lanes.

The section of IH-35 between North Loop 340 and FM 1858 is ready for construction when and if funds become available. I wish to express my wholehearted support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this section of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. In addition, I would also like to express my appreciation to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Simons, CPA
Executive Director
Heart of Texas Council of Governments

cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E. – Waco District Engineer

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has verified that, if funded, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West will be completed prior to February 17, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West is entirely located within McLennan County, Texas, which has been identified as an Economically Disadvantaged County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HILLSBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, TEXAS:

That the Hillsboro Economic Development Corporation has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability of Hillsboro.

That the Hillsboro Economic Development Corporation supports the application for funds by the Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

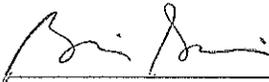
That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 28th day of August, 2009.



Kennie Nowlin
HEDC President

ATTEST:



Bill Siddons
HEDC Secretary Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2009-01

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is the only Freeway Class Facility connecting the Dallas / Forth Worth, Waco, Killeen / Temple, Austin and San Antonio Metropolitan Areas and,

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WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West has received environmental clearance and will be ready for construction prior to September 30, 2011 and,

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WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West is entirely located within McLennan County, Texas, which has been identified as an Economically Disadvantaged County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER LACY LAKEVIEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

That the Chamber of Commerce has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability to the City of Lacy Lakeview.

That the Chamber of Commerce supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

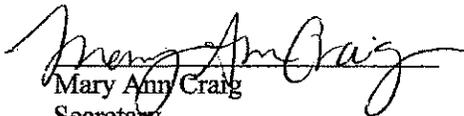
That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 31st day of August, 2009



Rosa Ash
President
Lacy Lakeview Chamber of Commerce

ATTEST:



Mary Ann Craig
Secretary
Lacy Lakeview Chamber of Commerce