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Ms. Melba Owens
Executive Director
Midland Odessa Transportation Organization
19601 Wright Drive, Suite 1
Midland, Texas 79711

Dear Ms. Owens:

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 SH 349 - Midland Reliever Route project in Martin and Midland Counties. Should you receive funding under this program, our agency will work with you closely to expedite the project.

We appreciate the importance of the SH 349 - Midland Reliever Route for your region and assure you that it holds statewide priority as well because of the compatibility this corridor segment provides with the Texas Trunk System, as well as providing an alternate route for trucks traveling around the city of Midland. The development of this route preserves the life of LP 250 in Midland.

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: sustainability, safety
- 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