

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Appendix E: Letters of Support

**NORTH TEXAS
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
TRANSIT CONNECTIONS**
Connecting The Region

April 2014



LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

April 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, I am pleased to support the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application to the US Department of Transportation from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. A membership roster of the RTC is enclosed.

The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options, stimulate the economy by linking key regional destinations and improve quality of life for many residents throughout the North Texas region. The project is consistent with Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2013 Update. All federally funded surface transportation projects must also be included in the Transportation Improvement Program. If the project is successful in receiving funds, the Regional Transportation Council will support its inclusion in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas.

The project consists of innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will greatly improve connections throughout the nation's fourth largest region. Portions of the regional trail network that are connected to light rail and commuter rail will be constructed, extending access to thousands. Several miles of multi-use trails and sidewalks will also be constructed in areas of environmental justice concern. These facilities will provide access to key regional destinations such as large employers, numerous schools and universities, areas of commerce and development, as well as link affordable housing to employment areas.

The project will not only link important regional destinations, but it will also help enhance quality of life for many residents through improved air quality and multimodal transit benefits. Increasing bicycle and pedestrian travel has a positive impact on air quality by reducing emissions and may eventually help the region to reach and/or maintain federal air quality standards.

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Again, the RTC supports NCTCOG's 2014 TIGER grant application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for NCTCOG, at (817) 695-9241.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn Wilemon
Chair, Regional Transportation Council
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Arlington

RH:jh
Enclosure



April 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Arlington, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas.

The City of Arlington believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. It would provide key connections through alternative modes of transportation within the region and help ease traffic congestion while improving the health of our citizens. We feel so strongly about this connection, that I, along with the Mayors of Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Irving and Dallas, recently joined together to publically announce our support for the project.

Arlington's portion of the project, the CentrePort Regional Veloweb Trail section, includes approximately one-half mile of concrete trail in northeast Arlington. This trail will connect to seven miles of existing paved trail running through River Legacy Park to connect to new trails on the west side of the City and provide much needed connections into Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.

This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, providing rail access to a variety of locations throughout the North Texas region. From the CentrePort rail station, users could also connect to the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, which provides an additional mode of transportation to and from Arlington. Over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes will also be constructed in the next few months, improving on-street bicycle access from River Legacy Park into Arlington.

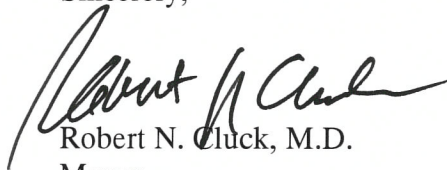
Both these new on-street facilities and the MAX will provide improved access to Arlington jobs, businesses, residences and entertainment venues. Users will have a direct link to Arlington's Entertainment District, home to attractions such as AT&T Stadium, Globe Life Park, and Six Flags Over Texas amusement park, downtown Arlington and the University of Texas at Arlington. These connections will allow an even larger number of Arlington and regional residents to access the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The City of Arlington is prepared to provide \$500,000 in local match from City Park Impact Fees, equaling 50 percent of the City of Arlington's portion of the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project cost.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact my office at (817) 459-6121.

Sincerely,

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Robert N. Cluck, M.D.

Mayor

City of Arlington, Texas

MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS

MAYOR



CITY OF DALLAS

April 16, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Dallas, I am writing to ask the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and you for careful review and support of the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the Trinity Skyline Veloweb Trail project. The Trinity Skyline Veloweb Trail, located in the densest part of the City of Dallas, is a nine-mile commuter trail gap closure project that will connect with signature, regionally funded projects in the area.

TIGER funding will provide a critical gap closure from Sylvan Avenue to Denton Drive. It will provide linkage to an existing segment of the Champion Trail in Irving, as well as access to the DART Bachman and Burbank Light Rail Stations on the northwest side of the Dallas Love Field Airport. Once completed, the Trinity Skyline Veloweb Trail will be 16 miles long, providing direct connection to downtown Dallas, the businesses and employment district in the IH 35 corridor, the UT-Southwestern Medical District and employment districts in the area around Dallas Love Field.

The trail will follow along the base of the existing levees of the Trinity River and Elm Fork creating lower construction disturbances and rendering a vista that blends nature into the urban landscape. The application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will improve the interaction and connections between areas of the nation's fourth largest region of over 6.7 million people. A local match commitment of 35 percent, or \$3.15 million, will be provided through City of Dallas funds allocated to Trinity River Corridor projects.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this project, you may contact me directly at mike.rawlings@dallascityhall.com or at (214) 670-0656.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Rawlings", written over a white background.

Michael S. Rawlings
Mayor



April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Fort Worth, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas.

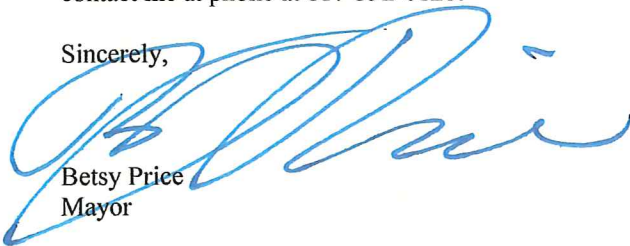
This project is a critical component in providing alternative means to get our folks to work and school. The connection to our existing commuter rail station in Centreport is a key component of the larger project.

The City of Fort Worth is prepared to provide from our local private partners and our upcoming 2014 Bond Election funds necessary for the 35% match commitment for the two projects in Fort Worth – the CentrePort Regional Veloweb Trail and Trinity Lake Regional Veloweb Trail.

The TIGER funding will also leverage millions in other funded pedestrian/ bicycle, and roadway infrastructure improvements being invested to improve access to transit facilities, housing, and employment in the CentrePort and Trinity Lakes areas.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at phone at 817-392-6120.

Sincerely,



Betsy Price
Mayor

cc: Tom Higgins, City Manager
cc: TJ Patterson, Manager of Legislative Affairs
cc: Bryan Beck, Regional Transportation Coordinator
cc: Council Member Danny Scarth, District 4



BETSY PRICE, MAYOR

THE CITY OF FORT WORTH * 1000 THROCKMORTON STREET * FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102
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April 15, 2014

Beth Van Duyne
Mayor

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx: 

On behalf of the City of Irving, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) consideration and support. Your support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project is greatly appreciated.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link the Las Colinas Urban Center in Irving to downtown Dallas.

The City of Irving's segment of the project will include a 6 mile 12' concrete trail segment of the Champion Trail from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park.

The City of Irving is prepared to provide a local match commitment of funds totaling approximately \$3.9 million, (35 percent of the multimodal improvements project cost) should we be awarded the full funding amount.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at bvanduyne@cityofirving.org or phone at (972) 898-7500

Sincerely,


Mayor Beth Van Duyne

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3-9(R)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Plano, Texas, to express support and certify funding for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the United States Department of Transportation; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has asked that the City of Plano support by Resolution jointly applying to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program seeking funding for the proposed Plano Transit Village Veloweb shared use path project; and

WHEREAS, the Plano Transit Village Veloweb shared use path project is a transportation project inclusive of non-drivers that better connects communities to centers of employment, education, and services within the City of Plano; and

WHEREAS, a shared use path will accomplish the intention of the City of Plano to implement the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. The application for funding jointly with the North Central Texas Council of Governments to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program is found to be acceptable and in the best interests of the City of Plano and its citizens.

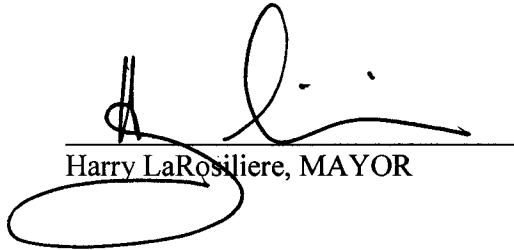
Section II. The City of Plano is committed to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing.

Section III. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to act for the City of Plano in jointly applying with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and dealing with the United States Department of Transportation for the purpose of participating in the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery program.

Section IV. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3-9(R)

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this the 24th day of March, 2014.



Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY



**DALLAS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

April 22, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Dallas County, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

This application is being submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In partnership with Dallas County and other agencies the RTC has prepared a joint application containing multimodal connectivity improvements across the region that align with the priorities of the TIGER program.

The project scope proposed by Dallas County features multimodal improvements in Northwest Dallas consisting of approximately 5.3 miles of sidewalks, 1.9 miles of on-street bicycle facilities, 0.8 miles of shared use paths, and pedestrian/bicycle grade separation for both Denton Drive and Timberline Drive (over Loop 12 / Northwest Highway). The project will improve pedestrian and bicycle access along Walnut Hill Lane crossing under IH35E which currently serves as a significant barrier for employment centers located west of the freeway to access rail transit. Funding for this project will result in multimodal connectivity between existing bus stops as well as light rail stations on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Green and Orange Lines, and employment centers within the Asian Trade District, a City of Dallas designated economic development opportunity area that will benefit from these improvements as the area transitions from distribution to a wholesale/retail trade area.

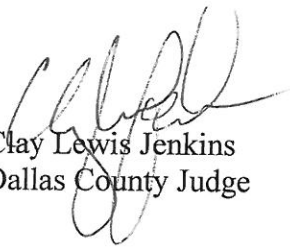
Additionally, the multimodal improvements are located in an area that is of environmental justice concern, link affordable housing to employment, contain high vehicle emissions that need to be reduced, and address high priority areas to improve compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and concerns for pedestrian/bicycle safety. The project will serve disadvantaged neighborhoods with nearly 95% minorities and households below poverty, and a sizable transit dependent population classified as zero car households. The installation of multimodal facilities will significantly enhance safety and pedestrian/bicycle accessibility to transit services in an area.

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Dallas County is prepared to provide from the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program a local match commitment only to the Dallas County proposed scope totaling \$8.143 million, equaling 50 percent of the multimodal improvements project cost, if this TIGER project is awarded the full funding request amount. The TIGER funding will provide key connections that will serve to increase value of over \$37 million in other funded pedestrian/ bicycle, and roadway infrastructure improvements in the area intended to improve access to bus stops and three light rail stations.

The overall Regional North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections to transit facilities will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

Sincerely,



Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge



Denton County Transportation Authority
1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250 • Lewisville, TX 75067
972-221-4600 • fax 972-221-4601 • dcta.net

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Denton County Transportation Authority, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

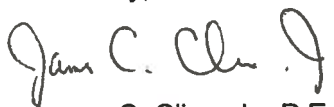
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The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) trail project in Denton County will construct more than 2.5 miles of a multi-use trails within the commuter rail right-of-way. This project will complete a critical gap of the DCTA rail trail that will parallel an interstate and connect all five DCTA commuter rail stations, six communities, and federal park lands around Lake Lewisville. These connections provide access to recreational opportunities and other municipally owned trails and provide a safe, affordable, suitable transportation alternative for local travel. Completion of this trail will complement transit oriented development efforts around the DCTA rail stations and expand educational and employment opportunities for local residents.

A local match commitment of 35% or \$0.98 million will be provided by the DCTA capital improvement funds if the TIGER funds are awarded, and DCTA can quickly obligate the funds within the required timeframe. Local funds and other contributions will account for 70 percent of the total project cost. The application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will improve the interaction and connections between areas of the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jcline@dcta.net or phone at 972-221-4600.

Sincerely,


James C. Cline, Jr., P.E.
President



Dallas Area Rapid Transit
P.O. Box 660163
Dallas, TX 75266-0163
214/749-3278

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to request for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct portions of the regional trail network that are connected to light rail and commuter rail and extend access to thousands.

The project will construct approximately 40 miles of a combination of multi-use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities in areas that are of environmental justice concern, link affordable housing to employment, contain high emissions that need to be reduced and in some portions are high safety concerns. These facilities will open up access to key regional destinations such as large employers, numerous schools and universities, and importantly provide last mile connectivity to several key rail stations and transit facilities within the Dallas Area Rapid Transit service area.

To change recent trends and provide alternative transportation options in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly 7 million people, the critical projects submitted with this application will leverage and enhance the billions of dollars of traditional transportation roadway investments and extensive transit investments that have been made recently in DFW.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at (email), or phone at (214) 749-2881.

Sincerely,

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Jack Wierzenski, AICP
Director, Economic Development
Dallas Area Rapid Transit



FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

1600 E. Lancaster Avenue ■ Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6720 ■ (817) 215-8700

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express our agency's support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) is a strong supporter of bike-related initiatives. In fact, our agency was one of the first transit agencies in the nation to initiate the development of a bike-sharing project – called Fort Worth Bike Sharing. Moreover, all of our transit buses are bike rack equipped as well. As we often say: With a bike and a bus our residents can get most anywhere they wish to go. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will expand our customers reach.

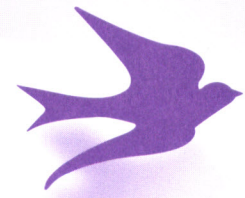
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To change recent trends and provide alternative transportation options in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly 7 million people, the critical projects submitted with this application will leverage and enhance the billions of dollars of traditional transportation roadway investments and more innovative transit investments that have been made recently in DFW by providing the critical "last mile" connections to rail stations.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at chawkins@the-t.com, or (817) 215-8632.

Sincerely,

Curvie Hawkins
Assistant Vice-President, Planning



LEWISVILLE

Deep Roots. Broad Wings. Bright Future.

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Lewisville, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) trail project in Denton County will construct more than 2.5 miles of a multi-use trails within the commuter rail right-of-way. This project will complete a critical gap of the DCTA rail trail that will parallel an interstate and connect all five DCTA commuter rail stations, six communities, and federal park lands around Lewisville Lake. These connections provide access to recreational opportunities and other municipally owned trails and provide a safe, affordable, suitable transportation alternative for local travel. Completion of this trail will complement transit oriented development efforts around the DCTA rail stations and expand educational and employment opportunities for local residents.

A local match commitment of 35% or \$0.98 million will be provided by the DCTA capital improvement funds if the TIGER funds are awarded, and DCTA can quickly obligate the funds within the required timeframe. Local funds and other contributions will account for 70 percent of the total project cost. The application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will improve the interaction and connections between areas of the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at sbacchus@cityoflewisville.com or by phone at 972-219-3406.

Sincerely,

Claude King
City Manager



MARY HORN
Denton County Judge

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Denton County Commissioner's Court, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jjline@dcta.net or phone at 972-221-4600.

Sincerely,

Mary Horn, Honorable
Denton County Judge



April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Irving Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link the Las Colinas Urban Center in Irving to downtown Dallas.

The City of Irving's segment of the project will include a 6 mile trail 12' concrete trail segment of the Champion Trail Project from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at skh_91@yahoo.com, or phone at (214) 293-4462.

Sincerely,

Scott Huber

SENIOR DEMOCRATIC WHIP

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Eddie Bernice Johnson

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April 10, 2014

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to request for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct portions of the regional trail network that are connected to light rail and commuter rail and extend access to thousands. The project will also construct critical links in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth with downtown Dallas.

The project will construct approximately 40 miles of a combination of multi-use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities in areas that are of environmental justice concern, link affordable housing to employment, contain high emissions that need to be reduced and in some portions are high safety concerns. The facilities being constructed will open up access to key regional destinations such as large employers, numerous schools and universities, and other important areas of commerce and development in the locations of Arlington, Dallas, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lewisville, Plano, and Richardson.

A local match commitment will be provided by local governments and transit agencies. The application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will improve the interaction and connections between areas of the nation's fourth largest region of nearly 7 million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact my staffer, Michael Brain, at michael.brain@mail.house.gov or at (202) 225-8885.

Sincerely,

Eddie Bernice Johnson
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4333

April 15, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to request your and the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Its proposed project meets the needs of the TIGER program by creating jobs, stimulating the economy, and improving regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. If funded, the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct portions of a regional trail network that will connect to light rail and commuter rail and extend access to thousands. The project will also construct critical links in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth with downtown Dallas. As the only Member of the House of Representatives that represents both Fort Worth and Dallas, I am excited to support a project that brings these two great cities together and encourages us to act as a region, rather than as competing municipalities.

The project will construct approximately 40 miles of a combination of multi-use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities in areas that are of environmental justice concern, link affordable housing to employment, and contain emissions which need to be reduced and, in some areas, create safety concerns. The facilities being constructed will open up access to key regional destinations such as large employers, numerous schools and universities, and other important areas of commerce and development in the cities of Arlington, Dallas, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lewisville, Plano, and Richardson.

A local match commitment will be provided by local governments and transit agencies. The application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will improve the interaction and connections between areas of the nation's fourth largest region of nearly 7 million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact my legislative director Chris Kelley at chris.kelley@mail.house.gov or at (202) 225-9896.

Sincerely,



Marc Veasey
Member of Congress



JOHN J. CARONA
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April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in support of the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") Discretionary Grant Program application submitted by the Regional Transportation Council ("RTC") for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project ("the project").

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has submitted an application for a TIGER discretionary grant of approximately \$30 million for the project. The project will construct approximately 40 miles of a combination of multi-use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities. These improvements will significantly extend an existing regional trail network that is being developed to link downtown Fort Worth with downtown Dallas. The new portions of the trail will provide critical links in the regional trail network, including links to light rail and commuter rail facilities - extending access to thousands of users and significantly improving regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options.

Nearly seven million people live and work in the North Texas region, the nation's fourth largest region. The region encompasses not only Dallas and Fort Worth, but also Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lewisville, Plano, and Richardson. The project will bring significant economic development opportunity to North Texas by creating jobs and providing residents with access to key regional destinations, such as large employers, schools, universities, and important areas of commerce and development. The project is designed to positively impact environmental and safety concerns by reducing high emissions in key areas and including important transportation safety measures. The project design also reflects certain social concerns, such as linking affordable housing to employment facilities.

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
April 14, 2014
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Area local governments and transit authorities have committed to matching the grant funds, if awarded, and I give the project and grant application my full support. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and the RTC's application. If you have questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Carona". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Carona



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April 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the University of Texas at Arlington, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The University of Texas at Arlington believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to the University of Texas at Arlington as well as to jobs, businesses, residences, and entertainment venues.

The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jhall@uta.edu, or phone at (817) 272-2102. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hall', written over a white background.

John Hall
Vice President for Administration and Campus Operations



UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS

April 21, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the University of Dallas, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities connecting to light rail and commuter rail stations, and will extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link the Las Colinas Urban Center in Irving to downtown Dallas.

The City of Irving's portion of the project will include a trail segment of the Campión Trails Project six mile long and 12 feet wide from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, airports and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at mpdaly@udallas.edu, or by phone at 972-721-5145.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Daly".

Patrick Daly
Associate Vice President for Administration
University of Dallas



April 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Texas Health Resources, I request that you and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) carefully review and support the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas.

Texas Health Resources believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress, Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to and from Arlington and the rest of the North Texas region. These increased opportunities for alternative transportation will also help improve the health and wellness of users. The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at DavidTesmer@TexasHealth.org, or 682.236.7937. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Tesmer".

David J. Tesmer
Senior Vice President, Community Engagement and Advocacy



April 23, 2013

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Trinity River Vision Authority, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas.

This project is a critical component in providing alternative means to get our folks to work and school. The connection to our existing commuter rail station in CentrePort is a key component of the larger project.

The TIGER funding will also leverage millions in other funded pedestrian/ bicycle, and roadway infrastructure improvements being invested to improve access to transit facilities, housing, and employment in the CentrePort and Trinity Lakes areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me by phone at (817) 698-0700.

Sincerely,


J.D. Granger
Executive Director
Trinity River Vision Authority



April 22, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and you for a careful review and ultimately your support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 TIGER grant application. This grant will serve the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves the Dallas-Fort Worth area as our Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and has applied for this grant which we believe meets the needs of the TIGER program.

The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will create jobs, stimulate the economy, improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. This project will construct approximately 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations. Furthermore, the project will complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth and Dallas.

This project is an important component in our goals as a community to provide our citizens with multiple means of transportation to get to work and school. Furthermore, this will create economic development opportunities that will stimulate our economy.

The Fort Worth community has a history of supporting vital infrastructure projects and is prepared to provide private matching funds for the two projects in Fort Worth – the Centreport Regional Veloweb Trail and Trinity Regional Veloweb Trail.

Transportation and other infrastructure improvements are key pieces of economic development and are necessary to improving quality of life. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 817-338-3300.

Sincerely,

Bill Thornton
President & CEO
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link the Las Colinas Urban Center in Irving to downtown Dallas.

Irving welcomes 2.96 million visitors annually, spending \$1.4 billion in our community, and supporting 12,567 jobs. Business travel is our dominant profile and our leisure segment is growing; all of our visitors rely on responsible and accessible mass transit and transportation options. They also enjoy capitalizing on the outdoors, and the convenient access that our hotels provide to our parks and trail system. The City of Irving's segment of the project will include a 6 mile 12' concrete trail segment of the Campion Trail Project from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me directly at mgast@irvingtexas.com, or via phone at 972-401-7706.

Sincerely,



Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director



April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The Arlington Chamber of Commerce believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to and from Arlington and the rest of the North Texas region. The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at wjurey@arlingtontx.com, or phone at (817) 543-4280. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wes Jurey'.

Wes Jurey
President & CEO



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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link the Las Colinas Urban Center in Irving, which is North Texas' second largest business park, to downtown Dallas.

The City of Irving's segment of the project will include a 6 mile long, 12' wide concrete trail segment of the Campion Trail Project from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park. This segment of the trail serves more than 245,000 employees in Irving on a daily basis.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility. We urge your prompt consideration of this important project.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at scallaway@irvingchamber.com, or phone at (214) 217-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn M. Callaway".

Shawn M. Callaway
Interim President and CEO



April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete a critical gap in the regional trail network being developed to link downtown Plano to downtown Dallas.

This project will provide a direct off-street shared-use path connection from the Downtown Plano light rail station to the Bush Turnpike Station connecting two new significant residential and business areas under construction. The project will help alleviate vehicular congestion to the proposed and existing stations by providing a direct, safe route for biking and walking.

The City of Plano is prepared to provide from the City Capital Improvement Program a local match commitment of approximately \$0.725 million if this TIGER project is awarded the full funding request amount. The local match contribution combined with other funds will account for 69% of the multimodal improvements project cost, with TIGER funds accounting for 31% of the project cost.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact us. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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GAIL THOMAS, PH.D.
PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 16, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Foxx:

The Trinity Trust Foundation supports the City of Dallas' application submittal for funding under TIGER V. The Trinity Trust Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to raising private funds and community outreach to help bring the Trinity River Project to fruition, and to help ensure that all components of the plan are designed and developed with an appreciation for, and understanding of, and a desire to protect the areas of natural beauty within the Trinity corridor.

When completed, **The Trinity Skyline Veloweb Trail** will close a nine mile gap of trails that connect pedestrians and cyclists to four DART rail lines and the Trinity Rail Express. This connectivity provides access to housing, medical, and employment centers within the Dallas – Fort Worth region.

The City of Dallas is in various stages of implementing a combination of 16 miles of trails and supporting on-street facilities in the downtown area which is currently experiencing rapid redevelopment through construction of mid- to high-rise buildings, bringing thousands of new residents and jobs to the core of the City. In addition, part of the trail will be constructed on existing maintenance roadways along the Trinity River and Elm Fork levees, which avoids drainage channels and minimizes disturbance to the wetlands within the levees.

This application demonstrates the Dallas' ongoing commitment to efficiently leverage funding in an effort to catalyze mobility throughout the North Texas Region. Such efforts directly impact the quality of life and economic development for more than 6 million residents in the region.

Sincerely,

Gail Thomas, Ph.D.
President and Executive Officer
The Trinity Trust Foundation

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April 8, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Plano, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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This project will provide a direct off-street shared-use path connection from the Downtown Plano light rail station to the Bush Turnpike Station connecting two new significant residential and business areas under construction. The project will help alleviate vehicular congestion to the proposed and existing stations by providing a direct, safe route for biking and walking.

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The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at bonnie.shea@verizon.net or phone at 972-543-8840.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Shea
President, Historic Downtown Plano Association



April 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Downtown Arlington Management Corporation, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The Downtown Arlington Management Corporation believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to downtown Arlington and the University of Texas at Arlington, as well as to jobs, businesses, residences, and entertainment venues.

The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at tony@downtownarlington.org, or phone at (817) 303-2800. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.



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Sincerely,

Tony Rutigliano
President and CEO





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April 11, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the River Legacy Foundation, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

The RTC serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has prepared an application that meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project will construct nearly 40 miles of shared use paths, sidewalks, and on-street bicycle facilities to light rail and commuter rail stations and extend transportation alternatives for thousands throughout the region. The project will also complete critical gaps in a regional trail network being developed to link downtown Fort Worth to downtown Dallas.

River Legacy Foundation believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to and from Arlington and the rest of the North Texas region. These increased opportunities for alternative transportation will also help improve the health and wellness of users. The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jill@riverlegacy.org, or phone at (817) 860-6752. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

Jill Hill
Executive Director

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Executive Director

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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Green Advisory Board in Irving, Texas, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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The City of Irving's segment of the project will include a 6 mile trail 12' concrete trail segment of the Champion Trail Project from River Hills Park to California Crossing Park.

The North Texas TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development. The innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects contained in this collaborative application will help facilitate job growth, economic development and improved mobility.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at danny_elms@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Danny Elms, Chair
Green Advisory Board
Irving, Texas

cc: Green Advisory Board
Ramiro Lopez, Assistant City Manager, City of Irving



April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the Arlington Conservation Council, we ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

Approval of this grant application will allow the long-awaited completion of a regional trail system between downtown Dallas and downtown Fort Worth, linking many cities and communities along the Trinity River. The Trinity Trail system will benefit the DFW metropolitan area by providing:

- Multimodal transportation opportunities – the Trinity Trails corridor will facilitate foot, and bicycle traffic by linking residential, retail, education and employment centers across the metropolitan area with transportation hubs in downtown areas and CentrePort.
- Increased opportunities for alternative transportation will reduce fossil fuel consumption and resulting air emissions.
- Improved access to many major parks, nature preserves and historic sites, as well as the expanded recreation activities provided by a connected and much expanded trails system.
- Community health benefits by increasing opportunities to reduce the incidence of obesity and weight-related illness.

Arlington Conservation Council is a 501(c)(4) organization that has supported environmental causes including local and regional trails, air quality and quality of life issues for over 20 years. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this TIGER grant application for completion of the Trinity Trail system and look forward to the many benefits that it will bring to the DFW area.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kocurek', is written over the typed name.

Dr. Daniel Kocurek
President





835 E. Lamar Blvd. #254
Arlington, TX 76005

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Viridian, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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Viridian believes there are many benefits to the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project. This project would provide a critical transportation connection to the CentrePort regional rail station, the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX), Arlington's new express bus system, and over seven miles of bike lanes and bike routes soon to be constructed, improving access to and from Arlington and the rest of the North Texas region. These increased opportunities for alternative transportation will also help improve the health and wellness of users. The North Texas TIGER application includes innovative and multi-jurisdictional projects that will help facilitate job growth, economic development, and improved mobility in the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at rkembel@jckpl.com, or phone at (214) 499-4654. Thank you for your consideration of this important regional alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kembel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Kembel
Director



April 16, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Bike Friendly Oak Cliff includes its support for the City of Dallas' application to the Department of Transportation's TIGER program. The **Trinity Skyline Veloweb Trail** will go a long way toward bringing the city bicycling infrastructure into the 21st century.

Bike Friendly Oak Cliff is a Dallas-based 501c3 nonprofit focused on creating a more bike friendly community in Dallas through family friendly bike events and activities, installation of bike infrastructure, and bicycle-related advocacy. Oak Cliff has been fortunate in being among the first to receive a substantial amount of the newest bicycling infrastructure within the City of Dallas.

We look forward to the completion of the Continental Bridge conversion and the new, IH 30 Bridge, the connection of the Trinity Strand Trail to Sylvan Avenue, and the construction of the Riverfront Boulevard and Continental Avenue Trails.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Braddick
Board Member



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April 18, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Plano, I am writing to ask for the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) and your careful review and support for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its approximately \$30 million, 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the North Texas Active Transportation Transit Connections project.

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This project will provide a direct off-street shared-use path connection from the Downtown Plano light rail station to the Bush Turnpike Station connecting two new significant residential and business areas under construction. The project will help alleviate vehicular congestion to the proposed and existing stations by providing a direct, safe route for biking and walking.

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If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at president@BikeDFW.org, or phone at 214-563-4175.

Sincerely,

Richard Wezensky
President BikeDFW
BikeDFW.org



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April 14, 2014

Mr. Bryan Beck
City of Fort Worth
Regional Transportation Coordinator
1000 Throckmorton St.
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Reference: Newell Companies' Trinity Trail Dedication

Dear Bryan:

Trinity Lakes, a Newell Companies' Development, is a multi-use development encompassing approximately 1,600 acres in northeast Fort Worth. At the present time there are 2,700 single family homes within the Trinity Lakes development. Future plans call for an additional 1,450 homes, 1,750 multi-family units, and 2,440,000 square feet of retail/commercial mixed –use development.

A central theme in the Trinity Lakes' development plan is the extensive use of landscaping, lakes and walking/ jogging/biking trails within the development. These trails and paths encourage residents to enjoy the outdoors, and promote a walkable and healthy lifestyle. At the present time there are 3.5 miles of trails and 7 lakes within the development.

The development team of Trinity Lakes is a very strong advocate of the proposed Trinity Trail connection from Handley Ederville Road in Fort Worth to the City of Arlington's River Legacy Park. This connection would connect an approximate 40-mile continuous walking/jogging/biking trail between the two cities and would also be a very important link to the goal of completing a continuous trail between the City of Fort Worth and the City of Dallas. The internal trail system within the Trinity Lakes Development is also planned to connect with this trail system.

In this regard and in order to promote this very worthwhile project, the Newell Companies will dedicate, at no charge, across their properties an approximate 20 foot right-of-way that will allow a 12' concrete trail with 2' soft shoulders on each side. This right-of-way dedication will also allow for trailheads and other necessary features of the trail system. The exact right-of-way dimensions will be determined as final plans are developed. This dedication will also allow for construction easements to be utilized during the actual construction of the trail system.

While final alignment of this trail system has not been finalized, attached is an approximate location of the trail. The Newell Companies reserve the right to determine the final trail alignment across their properties, but will strive to work with the City of Fort Worth and other interested governmental bodies to determine a mutually agreeable trail alignment.

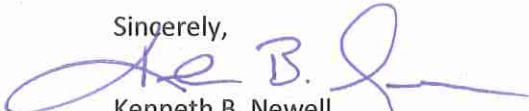
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The trail system across the Newell Companies will cross potentially seven (7) Newell Companies. Each of these companies is either owned or controlled by Kenneth Newell or Tarrant Acquisition, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership. Tarrant Acquisition, Ltd. is owned and controlled by the Kenneth Newell family as is its General partner, FW Consolidated Acquisition Corp. Therefore, it is by this authority that this letter is being written.


Sincerely,



Kenneth B. Newell

Tarrant Acquisition, Ltd.

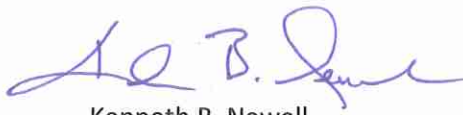
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Kenneth B. Newell, President

Bluecreek, LLC

By its, Managing Member



Kenneth B. Newell

R& B Consolidated, LLC

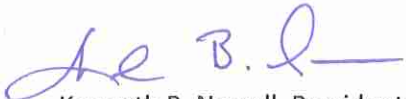
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Kenneth B. Newell

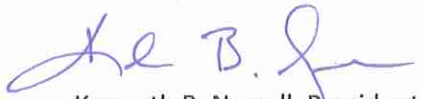
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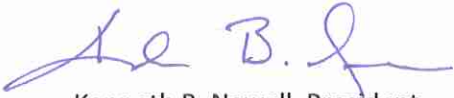
Kenneth B. Newell, President

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By Its, General Partner
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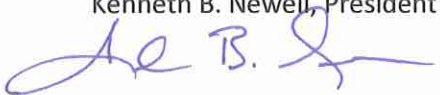
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Attachment: Completing Trinity River Vision Trail System Map