



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

June 1, 2015

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 for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, I am pleased to support the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the **Interstate Highway (IH) 35W Multimodal Improvements Project** in Fort Worth, Texas.

The IH 35W Multimodal Improvements Project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, encourage greater transit usage, and improve trip reliability along the 17-mile IH 35W corridor between the Fort Worth Central Business District and Alliance Airport. It will supplement the ongoing North Tarrant Express Project construction by adding direct access from the eastbound IH 30 to northbound IH 35W direct connector ramp into the proposed IH 35W managed lane facility. It will also introduce new bus vehicles, facilities, and amenities as part of a guaranteed-speed express bus transit system between two of North Central Texas' largest employment areas, which is consistent with ongoing planning efforts.

This application 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. This project is included in the Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment. 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 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas.

Again, the RTC supports NCTCOG's TIGER grant application for the IH 35W Multimodal Improvements Project and the mobility, quality of life and economic benefits it would provide to the region. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Cantrell", is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Cantrell
Chair, Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Dallas County

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cc: Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation, NCTCOG

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program includes project development, technical support for transportation corridors, and surface access to aviation planning; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2015, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the seventh round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program (TIGER VI); and,

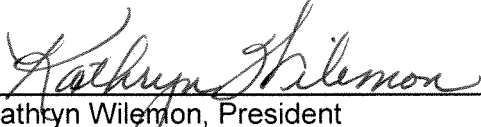
WHEREAS, on May 14, 2015, the RTC approved the submittal of the three grant applications for a total of approximately \$42.5 million in funding under the TIGER VII Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** NCTCOG is authorized to submit three grant applications to the US DOT for projects under the TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program for approximately \$42.5 million, as detailed in Attachment 1.
- Section 2.** If awarded, the Executive Board instructs staff to work with the US DOT and partner agencies and to determine the most efficient method to bring these funds to the region and implement these projects.
- Section 3.** NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$42.5 million in TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program funds, if awarded, and subject to Section 2.
- Section 4.** If awarded, these funds shall be incorporated into the FY2016 budget as appropriate.

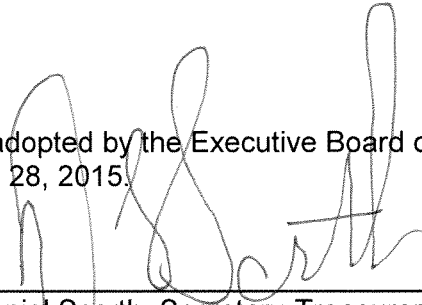
Section 5. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements necessary to carry out this program, including agreements for receipt of local match funds.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.



Kathryn Wilmon, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Arlington

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on May 28, 2015.



Daniel Scarth, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Fort Worth

TIGER VII (2015) NCTCOG/RTC SUBMISSIONS

Project	Amount to be Requested (\$ in Millions)	Proposed Local Match Source (\$ in Millions)
Regional Connections through Technology and System Integration	\$10.0	\$2.5 (State Match and Future RTC Funds)
IH 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvements (IH 35W/IH 30 Managed Lane Access and Guaranteed Transit)	\$20.0	\$15.0 (State Match and Future RTC Funds)
Park Lane/Vickery Meadows Complete Street Project	\$10.00-13.00	\$5.0-9.0 (City of Dallas, Dallas County, DART, Future RTC Funds)



May 28, 2015

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Again, I fully support the 2015 TIGER Grant application submitted by NCTCOG for the Interstate Highway 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvement project. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at betsy.price@fortworthtexas.gov or phone at 817-392-6120.

Sincerely,

Betsy Price
Mayor

cc: Bryan Beck



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RE: 2015 TIGER Program

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Again, I fully support the 2015 TIGER Grant application submitted by NCTCOG for the Interstate Highway 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvement project. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please direct any questions to Monica Fowler, Assistant Vice President of Finance at 817-215-8718 or by e-mail at mfowler@the-t.com.

Sincerely,

Paul J Ballard
President & Chief Executive Officer

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

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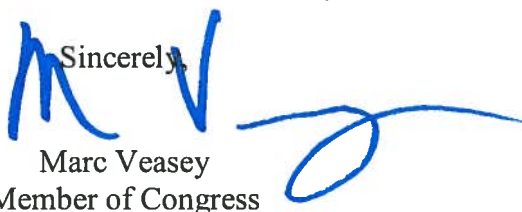
Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing today to express my support for the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) application for funds from the United States Department of Transportation 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant for the Interstate Highway (IH) 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvement project in Fort Worth, Texas.

The IH 35W Multimodal Improvements project seeks to enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, encourage greater transit use, and improve trip reliability along the 17-mile IH 35W corridor between the Fort Worth Central Business District and Alliance Airport. This project also serves to supplement the ongoing North Tarrant Express Project construction by adding direct access from the eastbound IH 30 to northbound IH 35W direct connector ramp into the proposed IH 35W managed lane facility. Additionally, it would also introduce new bus vehicles, facilities, and amenities as part of a guaranteed-speed express bus transit system between two of North Central Texas' largest employment areas.

I fully support the 2015 TIGER Grant application submitted by NCTCOG for the Interstate Highway 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvement project and request your thorough and fair review of their application for funding. Thank you for your time and consideration to this request and please let me know if I may ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


Marc Veasey
Member of Congress