



February 18, 2009

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Dear Michael:

I am pleased to inform you, on behalf of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC), that the DRMC voted at its December Executive Committee meeting to support efforts to enact the Texas Local Option Transportation Act. Enactment of the proposal is a top legislative priority of the DRMC.

As you know, the Dallas/Fort Worth area is the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the United States – behind only New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Our region's population is projected to reach 9.5 million by 2030, and it is clear that our infrastructure will not be able to accommodate the growing needs of our businesses and citizens, if we do not act now to make significant changes.

This issue is one with a significant impact on resident quality of life, air quality and the continued economic vitality of North Texas. As such, it is particularly important both to the DRMC and to the citizens and businesses we represent on the eastern side of the Metroplex.

The DRMC is deeply appreciative of the leadership and support provided on this issue by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Council, and we salute the tremendous effort that has been undertaken to develop a feasible transportation funding solution that is acceptable to various interest groups across the region.

We are hopeful that our legislators will recognize the careful thought put into this proposal and the public's desire to have a say on how North Texas transportation projects are funded.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any ways we can further support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Adams", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chad Adams
Ellis County Judge
Co-Chair, Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition