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RE: DRMC Keynote; March 4, 2011

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Dear Mr. Glavin:

**Chair, Legislative
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Hon. Steve Mitchell
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On behalf of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC), please accept our thanks for agreeing to provide the keynote presentation at the monthly Board Meeting, Friday, March 4, 2011. DRMC is proud to serve the six county North Texas region (Dallas, Collin, Denton, Rockwall, Kaufmann, Ellis) as the primary transportation advocate and mobility spokesman.

**Chair, Finance
Committee**
Hon. John Harper
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On several occasions, Deputy Federal Rail Administrator, Karen Rae, when commenting on high speed rail proposals said there were eight states with one plan and one state, Texas, with eight plans. We are pleased that we now have a Texas Rail Plan completed under your direction and guidance. Rail is, and will, continue to be an important part of mobility solutions for the 21st Century.

**Chair,
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Hon. Geralyn Kever
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In addition to highlights from the State Rail Plan and an update on high speed rail, DRMC members are particularly interested in the benefit of not only passenger rail, but particularly freight rail, for the Dallas area.

Executive Director
Rider Scott

Dallas is the largest municipality in the Country without a water port. We therefore rely heavily on mobility to provide on-time component delivery, restricted inventory, and worldwide next day air service. That business model does not function without adequate freight rail, intermodal capacity, and access to alternate transportation

Mr. Bill Glavin, Director

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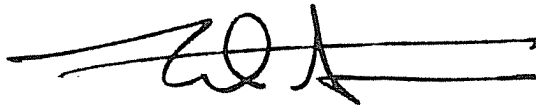
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modes. The widening of the Panama Canal brings new opportunity and challenges, not only for Gulf Coast ports but also to inland hubs for trans-shipment and delivery.

DRMC members are looking forward to your advice and thoughts on how we best facilitate rail infrastructure for the Dallas region, what the TxDOT Rail Plan means to the Dallas area, and how DRMC can play a role to provide rail improvement and innovation. We look forward to an informative, intriguing and enlightening time with you.

Attached please find instructions to the DRMC meeting at the North Texas Toll Authority main office. Our meeting is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and we will accommodate your schedule to hear from you anytime during the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rider Scott", is written over two horizontal lines. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rider Scott

cc: Hon. R. Franke, Chair
Governance Committee

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