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Dear Conferee:

The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition ("DRMC") is the advocacy organization for six north Texas counties including Collin, Dallas and Denton. DRMC is composed of elected officials from the cities and counties in the region.

North Texas is one of the top three fastest growing areas in the Country. At the same time, other studies have ranked Dallas, and surrounding areas, as one of the nation's most congested areas with peak time travel delays escalating rapidly.

To help relieve congestion and address air quality, DRMC prioritized two regional projects that lack sufficient state and federal funding commitments that are still financially viable to participate in Public Private Partnerships. DRMC designated the improvement and reconstruction of IH-35E (from LBJ to SH 380) and SH 183 (from SH 161 to IH 35-E) as its top priorities for the 82nd Legislative Session. Without reauthorization of a comprehensive development authority these projects will not be built in this decade.

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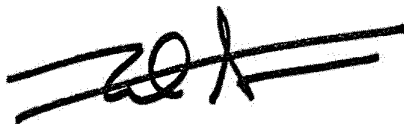
During House and Senate testimony you heard from the DRMC leaders endorsing reauthorization:

Hon. Rob Franke, DRMC Chair
Hon. Mary Horn, Denton Co. Judge
Hon. Linda Koop, Dallas City Council
Hon. Rick Stopfer, Irving Mayor Pro-Tem
Mr. Charles Emery, Chairman DCTA
and others

They each submitted your respected committees dozens of resolutions and statements of endorsement from business, chambers, cities and counties along each alignment. We write to give voice to the overwhelming local support for these projects and financial mechanisms to complete them.

Please include in the Conference Report for C.S.S.B. 1420 (House Committee Substitute) the House language (Floor Amendment No. 90 by Phillips; Second Reading) that allows the Department to construct: **IH-35E**, **SH183** and **NTE** pursuant to comprehensive development agreement authority. Your action to allow these critical regional transportation projects to move forward this year is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Rider Scott
Executive Director

cc: R. Franke, Chair
Governance Committee