



November 17, 2009

The Honorable Deirdre Delisi  
Chair  
Texas Transportation Commission  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Delisi:

On behalf of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC), the leading transportation advocacy group for the eastern side of the DFW Metroplex, I would like to express our position on the selection of projects for Proposition 12 funding.

As you know, the State of Texas is experiencing a transportation funding crisis, and Proposition 12 funding represents new revenue to assist in moving critical transportation projects forward. This new program provides a unique opportunity to add non-traditional revenues from the General Revenue Fund to help address transportation issues.

Since general revenue is generated primarily from sales and business taxes in metropolitan areas throughout the State, the DRMC requests that the Texas Transportation Commission strongly consider allocating a significant portion of Proposition 12 funding to metropolitan regions. This should be done based on the same formula for distributing metropolitan mobility funding in order to ensure equity.

The Dallas-Fort Worth region represents approximately one-third of the State's Gross Domestic Product, so we feel this request is eminently reasonable and fair.

Thank you for being a leader on transportation issues for the State of Texas. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Franke", written in a cursive style.

Rob Franke  
Mayor of Cedar Hill  
Chair, Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition

cc: Ned S. Holmes, Commissioner  
Ted Houghton, Commissioner  
William Meadows, Commissioner  
Fred Underwood, Commissioner