



# COLLIN COUNTY

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Collin County Commissioners Court voted to support the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application to the US Department of Transportation from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), on behalf of the Regional Transportation Council, for the Cotton Belt Corridor Passenger Rail project.

The NCTCOG 2014 TIGER grant application proposes to conduct additional financial and transportation planning analyses to position the Cotton Belt Corridor Passenger Rail project favorably for private sector partners. The 2014 TIGER grant application identifies an investment grade financial plan as the primary work product. Additional planning analyses will be inherent in the investment grade financial plan, including travel demand forecasts and transit operations determination. The proposed analyses would further the efforts completed under the NCTCOG's Innovative Finance Initiative (iFi), the Fort Worth Transportation Authority's (The T) Federal Transit Administration New Starts grant application and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) local environmental impact analysis.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at [keith.self@collincountytx.gov](mailto:keith.self@collincountytx.gov) or phone at (972) 548-4631.

Sincerely,

Keith Self  
County Judge