



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments  
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

September 10, 2015

The Honorable Keith Self  
County Judge  
Collin County  
2300 Bloomdale, Suite 4192  
McKinney, TX 75071

Dear Judge Self:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has reviewed Denton County's request to utilize Denton County Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds for the "S" curve in the Dallas North Tollway (DNT) 4A/4B Extension, and Collin County's subsequent request to improve east-west connections between the DNT and Preston Road/SH 289 in this same area. This review has resulted in a draft recommendation for future consideration by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) as outlined below:

1. Concur with Denton County's proposal to use Denton County RTR funds to build the "S" connection from FM 428 to County Road 8.
2. Fund and conduct a traffic signal warrant study for the DNT 4A section (from FM 428 to US 380) – study may recommend upgrading stop signs along the corridor to traffic signals. NCTCOG staff will recommend that the RTC fund the new signals along this corridor, if warranted.
3. Expedite the Frontier Parkway grade separation at the Burlington Northern Rail Line, including a recommendation that the RTC fund a cost increase of up to \$4 million to help close the funding gap.
4. Recommend that Collin County pursue construction of the Regional Outer Loop from the DNT to Preston Road/SH 289 with a grade separation at the Burlington Northern Rail Line.
5. Explore a more comprehensive effort to study the Regional Outer Loop as a US 380 Bypass and a staged freeway facility.

Thank you for partnering with the RTC and a neighboring county on these efforts. Please let me know if there are any follow up questions regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michael Morris, P.E.  
Director of Transportation

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cc: The Honorable Duncan Webb, County Commissioner, Collin County and RTC Representative  
The Honorable Susan Fletcher, County Commissioner, Collin County  
The Honorable Hugh Coleman, County Commissioner, Denton County  
✓ Clarence Daugherty, Director of Engineering, Collin County  
John Polster, President, ITS