

January 20, 2016

Clarence Daugherty  
Collin County Director of Public Works  
700 A. Wilmeth Rd  
McKinney, TX 75069

RE: RFP for US 75 Corridor Study

Dear Mr. Daugherty,

Thank you for sharing with us the County's request for proposals for a study of the US 75 corridor with the objective of reaching a consensus on a long range design concept for the facility.

We believe that consensus already exists, as articulated in the draft 2040 regional mobility plan under development by the NCTCOG staff. The mobility plan calls for maintaining the facility largely within the existing right of way and converting the existing HOV lane to a drivable shoulder for use during peak hours of travel. The plan also recommends consideration of ramp and interchange improvements that would improve flow.

Success of this plan depends on expansion of transit service to McKinney. Within this corridor, both rail and bus rapid transit options are on the table for further study. Success also depends on a more effective program of incident management and working with employers in the in the corridor on demand reduction strategies. I believe there is growing support for the development of the outer loop in eastern and northern Collin County. This loop would benefit the County's growth and help channel some long distance trips away from US 75.

We encourage the County to redirect the RFP to complement work currently in progress by NCTCOG and TxDOT.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Bruce D. Glasscock  
City Manager