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The Honorable Keith Self
Judge
Collin County Commissioners Court
210 South McDonald Street, Suite 626
McKinney, Texas 75069

Dear Judge Self:

Last September the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) assumed responsibility for operations, maintenance and construction of the 121 Tollway. As we incorporate the 121 Tollway into the NTTA System, the NTTA Board of Directors has embarked on a process to formally name the road.

The NTTA Board of Directors' decision to formally name the 121 Tollway was based on a desire to clearly identify the toll road as one operated and maintained by the NTTA. There are many roads throughout North Texas that have the 121 designation, such as Southwest Parkway in Tarrant County, and these multiple designations often confuse motorists. A name which clearly distinguishes the 26-mile toll road in Dallas, Denton and Collin counties will assist motorists in making payments, receiving roadside assistance, and guiding first responders quickly to assist motorists. Historically, NTTA has named roads to clearly identify them from other area highways and interstates. The 121 Tollway name is the interim designation given to the toll road when it was removed from the state highway system.

The NTTA Board of Directors considered numerous suggestions over the past eight months and recently selected three finalists. We are requesting comment from the 121 Tollway corridor cities, counties and general public prior to making a final decision. The three names for consideration are:

- Interurban Tollway
- Sam Rayburn Tollway
- 121 Tollway

For your reference, enclosed is a video describing the significance and background of the proposed names Sam Rayburn and Interurban. Also, a copy of NTTA's roadway naming policy has been included that describes in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 how additional names can be submitted for consideration by the NTTA Board of Directors. The NTTA has posted the proposed names on the NTTA Web site, www.ntta.org, and published them in our eNewsletters.

Please send your comments to Ms. Kim Jackson, NTTA's Director of Communications, by March 18 at kjackson@ntta.org. She is available to answer any questions you may

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have at 214-224-2103. We look forward to receiving your comments and completing the next step in the transition of the 121 Tollway into the NTTA System.

Sincerely,

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

Paul N. Wageman
Chairman of the Board

Enclosures

Cc: The Honorable Joe Jaynes
The Honorable Jerry Hoagland
The Honorable Matt Shaheen
The Honorable Kathy Ward