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Date: April 7, 2020

To: County Judge and Commissioners

From: Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Subject: RESOLUTION ON REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF THE MPO'S PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE 2020 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR COLLIN COUNTY

The Texas Transportation Commission (Commission) is considering updating their 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), mainly for the purpose of funding the IH 35 improvements in Austin. A comment period to provide feedback to the Commission is open until April 24, 2020. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has sent a resolution recommending the Commission consider a different method of funding the IH 35 project so that over \$4B could be freed up to be distributed throughout the State. This is an opportunity to ask them to include funding for our US 380 freeway and the freeway in the southeast part of the County.

The RTC has approved a 10-year plan that includes \$600M for construction of these new major highways/freeway. However, the Commission has declined to add these projects to the UTP so far. We think it is mainly because the roadways are not in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the alignments have not been completely set yet. However, we also know that there is strong competition for limited funds. Even though the need for this funding is at least five years from now, this is a good opportunity to make sure that the Commission is aware of other critical major projects that need the additional funding that would be made available if they use the other method of funding for IH 35.

Attached is a resolution for consideration by the Commissioners Court to send to the Commission in regard to the need for the funding. It is recommended that the Commissioners Court adopt this resolution so it can be sent to the Texas Transportation Commission and the Legislative Delegation.