



**COLLIN
COUNTY**

Commissioners Court
Jack Hatchell Administrative Building
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192
McKinney, Texas 75071

August 7, 2023

The Honorable J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.
Texas Transportation Commission
Texas Department of Transportation
Attn: TTP – UTP
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chairman Bugg:

The Collin County Commissioner's Court would like to provide comments regarding the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The 2024 UTP proposes to reduce funding from two projects on new rights-of-way in Collin County, which totals \$490 Million. We urge the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) and TxDOT keep full funding on US 380 and Spur 399 in Collin County.

The May draft of the 2024 UTP included \$610 Million on US 380, but the final UTP that is available for public comment only includes \$481 Million for the project. In addition, the May draft of the UTP had \$638 Million on Spur 399, but the final UTP includes \$277 Million. This is a combined net loss of \$490 Million between the two draft 2024 UTPs.

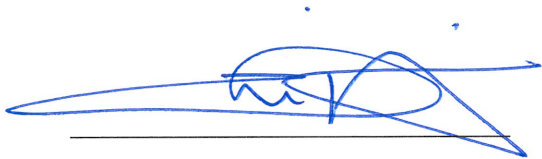
It is critical to understand that Collin County has not received a lot of support from the TTC to date in Category 12 funding, especially in light of the County's sustained phenomenal growth. Since 2016, the Regional Transportation Council has selected \$1.2 Billion worth of Category 2 projects in Collin County. The Dallas TxDOT District has selected \$428 Million. The Category 12 Discretionary Funds from the TTC have been \$368 Million to date or approximately 18% of the total \$2 Billion. Local partners were advancing a request for greater Category 12 funding as part of this year's UTP request. Collin County has allocated over \$300 Million for these projects with the expectation that TxDOT will place the same high priority on them as the County and local cities have.

Major segments of the current US 380 (4 lanes and 6 lanes) are already operating at a level-of-service "F" both during long peak times as well as other times during the day. So we are already behind in providing the improvements necessary for reasonable mobility. Attached is a comparison of the freeway networks in North Texas showing how far behind Collin County is in a freeway network being developed.

With both projects either cleared or nearly environmentally cleared, and because they are on new rights-of-way, all local parties are racing against time to not lose the corridors to development. Timing is vital with the rapidly increasing population in Collin County. We wanted to make sure TxDOT is aware that these projects are on new rights-of-way and timing is of the essence.

Mobility is part of what drives the strong economic engine of North Texas and specifically Collin County. A delay on such critical projects as these can have an impact on State revenues as well as on congestion/air pollution. Players in this strong economic engine such as Toyota, PGA, Raytheon, Firefly, UNT and the McKinney National Airport are counting on the mobility these projects will provide as the roadways continue to fill up as a result of the continuing tremendous growth. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2024 UTP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Commissioners Court at (972) 548-4631 or commcourt@collincountytx.gov.

Sincerely,



Chris Hill, County Judge



Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3



Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1



Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4



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Freeway Comparison

Neighboring
countries'
freeways

2,188,950

2023 - 1,175,973

2,675,008

