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State Elected Officials,

As a staff Director, I am making you aware of a situation, I am telling you what we are going to do, and I am not asking you to do anything. It is not my place.

The Texas Transportation Commission is proposing to reduce \$480 Million from two projects on new rights-of-way in Collin County. The NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council is trying to keep the funding on them. We will be commenting on this by the August 8, 2023 deadline. I assume Collin County and McKinney officials not happy as well.

The May draft of the UTP had \$610 Million on US380 (see maps) and the final UTP has \$481 Million. The May draft of the UTP had \$638 Million on Spur 399 (see maps) and the final UTP has \$277 Million. It is a combined net loss of \$480 between the drafts. A lot of the funds that remain are RTC commitments to the projects.

With the projects cleared or nearly environmental cleared and because they are on new rights-of-way, all local parties are racing against time to not lose the corridors to development. It is my understanding the money is going to Houston and be used on a corridor that may not need right-of-way. I can't believe the projects scored high enough by May and somehow evaporated. I am not sure TxDOT headquarters is aware these projects are on new rights-of-way because they have not met with us.

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