

## The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

November 2, 2017

Mr. Kelly Selman, P.E.
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation – Dallas District
4777 US Highway 80 East
Mesquite, TX 75150

Dear Mr. Selman:

As requested by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), this letter serves as approval of the sources of revenue by project segment for IH 635 East. These Category 12 amounts are candidate requests for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration and approval. The total funds on IH 635 East are unchanged from previous Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action.

Phase 1 - IH 635 from US 75 to Royal/Miller: \$65,242,375 Category 2 \$403,757,625 Category 12 \$469,000,000 Total

Phase 2 - IH 635 from Royal/Miller to SH 78: \$84,757,625 Category 2 \$175,000,000 Category 4 \$33,981,175 Category 12 \$293,738,800 Total

Phase 3 – IH 635 from SH 78 to IH 30 (including the interchange at IH 30): Approval by RTC in P17-01 pending TTC approval (enclosed)

Please contact me at (817) 695-9241 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael Morris, PE

**Director of Transportation** 

CG:tw Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Rob Franke, Chair, Regional Transportation Council

Policy Support to Expedite IH 635 Phase 3 from US 75 To and Including the IH 30 Interchange (P17-01)

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) reaffirms support for formula allocations from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and between the western and eastern subregions of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. New revenues from "Big Projects" will be placed on this project.

The RTC wishes to complete this project after years of delay and to complete the project in its entirety, including improvements to the IH 635/IH 30 Interchange. To accomplish this, the RTC and impacted local governments wish to construct tax-supported frontage roads, tax-supported main lanes, and tolled dynamically priced managed lanes from US 75 to IH 30. The public sector will retain the revenues from tolls and develop a tolling policy to pay back the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, operations, maintenance, rehabilitation, and congestion management only. Off-peak and weekend tolling may be phased out over time. The RTC is requesting the tolled component to complete the managed lane system in this part of the region. The RTC reminds TxDOT that this project will need to be funded with federal funds in order to comply with State laws and voter-approved constitutional amendments.

The RTC requests that TxDOT expedite this project through a pass-through toll or design-build contract.

The RTC requests that the North Texas Tollway Authority waive primacy in the corridor.

The Skillman/Audelia project and already approved project revenues will be included in this construction in order to expedite both projects.

The RTC requests that North Central Texas Council of Governments staff place this project in the Mobility 2045 plan and commence with public involvement.

Approved: October 12, 2017