NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Appendix E: Letters of Support

Park Lane / Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project

June 5, 2015









LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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

June 1, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, I am pleased to support the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project. A membership roster of the RTC is enclosed.

The Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project will construct a primary Complete Street on Park Lane in the City of Dallas that will significantly improve access to the Park Lane Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail station in an economically distressed area of the community. The project will also implement a series of connected road diets and construct other pedestrian and bicycle facilities that accommodate multimodal transportation users utilizing various Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) safety countermeasures.

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This application meets the needs of the TIGER program with a project that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and improve regional mobility and multi-modal transportation options. The project is consistent with Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment. If the project is successful in receiving funds, the RTC will support its inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas, and the RTC took action on May 14, 2015, to commit matching funds for the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for NCTCOG, at (817) 695-9241.

Sincerely,

Mike Cantrell

Chair, Regional Transportation Council

Commissioner, Dallas County

RH:ch Enclosure

cc: Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation, NCTCOG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program includes project development, technical support for transportation corridors, and surface access to aviation planning; and,

WHEREAS, in March 2015, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the seventh round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program (TIGER VI); and,

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2015, the RTC approved the submittal of the three grant applications for a total of approximately \$42.5 million in funding under the TIGER VII Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to submit three grant applications to the US DOT for projects under the TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program for approximately \$42.5 million, as detailed in Attachment 1.
- Section 2. If awarded, the Executive Board instructs staff to work with the US DOT and partner agencies and to determine the most efficient method to bring these funds to the region and implement these projects.
- Section 3. NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$42.5 million in TIGER VII Discretionary Grant Program funds, if awarded, and subject to Section 2.
- **Section 4.** If awarded, these funds shall be incorporated into the FY2016 budget as appropriate.

<u>Section 5.</u> The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements necessary to carry out this program, including agreements for receipt of local match funds.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Kathryn Wilemon, President

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Arlington

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on May 28, 2015.

Daniel Scarth, Secretary-Treasurer

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Councilmember, City of Fort Worth

TIGER VII (2015) NCTCOG/RTC SUBMISSIONS

Project	Amount to be Requested (\$ in Millions)	Proposed Local Match Source (\$ in Millions)		
Regional Connections through Technology and System Integration	\$10.0	\$2.5 (State Match and Future RTC Funds)		
IH 35W Multimodal Corridor Improvements (IH 35W/IH 30 Managed Lane Access and Guaranteed Transit)	\$20.0	\$15.0 (State Match and Future RTC Funds)		
Park Lane/Vickery Meadows Complete Street Project	\$10.00- 13.00	\$5.0-9.0 (City of Dallas, Dallas County, DART, Future RTC Funds)		



MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS

June 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the City of Dallas, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project**. This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Thrust into the national spotlight last fall when the Ebola Crisis erupted in Dallas, Vickery Meadow is one of Dallas' most diverse neighborhoods with a significant new-immigrant population. Thirty-three languages are spoken in this densely populated area by residents and families who have found affordable and centrally located apartment homes, often with the help of resettlement agencies. Residents in this economically distressed area are typically transit dependent and have low carownership rates. However the area is well-served by public transit opportunities that include two DART light rail stations and numerous bus routes and stops. Streets in Vickery Meadows host some of Dallas' highest pedestrian activity with a significant number of pedestrians and bicyclists of varying ages and levels of mobility.

For all of the reasons described above, Vickery Meadows has been a focus area of ours on many efforts, community and social services as well as economic development and infrastructure provision. The City of Dallas received a HUD Sustainable Communities Community Challenge Grant to conduct an area plan for the Vickery Meadow neighborhood. Additionally, the City of Dallas, in partnership with NCTCOG participated in the first FHWA Pedestrian Roadway Safety Assessment (PRSA) in Texas earlier this year for the Vickery Meadow neighborhood. The study area was primarily focused on the Park Lane corridor from the Park Lane Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail station and Greenville Avenue on the west to the "Five Points" intersection (Park Lane/Ridgecrest Road/Fair Oaks Avenue) to the east. The Assessment was focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in this neighborhood and connections to transit and schools. The final report recommended Complete Street retrofits and

street reconstruction to improve safety for all multi-modal users. Proposed improvements in this TIGER project application are based on this PRSA.

The Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project will construct a primary Complete Streets (as recommended by the area plan) on Park Lane in the City of Dallas that will significantly improve access to the Park Lane Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail station.

The City of Dallas supports and has identified local matching funds for the project in partnership with additional local funds to be contributed by Dallas County and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this project, you may contact me directly at mike.rawlings@dallascityhall.com or at 214.670.3301.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Rawlings

Mayor

Excerpt from City of Dallas 2012 Bond Program List of Projects Approved by Voters

Proposition	Category Location	CD	Total	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Street and	Transportation							
Str	reet Resurfacing							
	Wonderland Trl from Northaven Rd to Peter Pan Dr	13	\$269,200					\$269,200
	Woodshire Dr from Kirnwood Dr to Clearwood Dr	8	\$304,300					\$304,300
	Summary for 'Category' = Street Res	urfacing (2	207 detail records)					
	Sum		\$62,207,200	\$12,298,900	\$11,283,800	\$9,398,130	\$13,920,100	\$15,306,270
Ta	rget Neighborhood							
	Adams (N) from Davis to 9th	1	\$826,500	\$123,975		\$702,525		
	Arizona from Saner to Kiest	4	\$1,714,300	\$257,145		\$1,457,155		
	Gooch St from S Lancaster Rd To Tracy Rd Block	8	\$1,285,700	\$192,855		\$1,092,845		
	Hendricks from Denley to Moore	4	\$551,000	\$82,650		\$468,350		
	Holly Hill from Phoenix to Pineland	13	\$857,200	\$128,580		\$728,620		
	Hughes Lane from Churchill Way to Lafayette Way	11	\$814,300	\$122,145		\$692,155		
	Madison (N) from 7th to 9th	1	\$1,040,800	\$156,120		\$884,680		
	McVey from Beckley to Marsalis	4	\$1,347,000	\$202,050		\$1,144,950		
	Mican Dr from Schofield Dr to end of pavemen	t 6	\$497,000	\$74,550		\$422,450		
	Phoenix from Fair Oaks to Holly Hill	13	\$857,200	\$128,580		\$728,620		
	Yancy St from Carbondale St to Saipan St	4	\$500,800	\$75,120		\$425,680		
	Summary for 'Category' = Target Net	ghborhood	l (11 detail records))				
	Sum		\$10,291,800	\$1,543,770		\$8,748,030		
Th	oroughfare							
	Highland Road from Ferguson to north of the entrance to Primrose at Highland (1500' to NE	7	\$1,224,500	\$183,675			\$1,040,825	

Friday, January 11, 2013

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June 06, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 2 0590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Dallas County, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project.** This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project will construct a primary Complete Streets on Park Lane in the City of Dallas that will significantly improve access westward to the Park Lane DART light rail station and eastward to the upcoming SoPac multiuse pathway in an economically distressed area of the community. The project will also implement a series of connected road diets and construct other pedestrian and bicycle facilities that accommodate multi-modal transportation users utilizing various Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) safety countermeasures.

This TIGER application to construct critical multimodal connections to transit facilities will provide the nation's fourth largest region of nearly seven million people with improved access to key regional destinations such as employment centers, education, and other important areas of commerce and development.

Dallas County has approved through Resolution a local matching fund commitment from the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program, if this TIGER project is awarded the full funding request amount. Please see attached Resolution No 2015-0783

Sincerely,

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judg

COURT ORDER 2015-0783



Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application for Park Lane/Shady Brook Lane

On a motion made by Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3, and seconded by Commissioner Mike Cantrell, District 2, the following order was passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, State of Texas:

BRIEFING DATE: 6/2/2015 FUNDING SOURCE: As briefed

Be it resolved and ordered that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby support preparation and submittal of the TIGER application being prepared by NCTCOG for Vickery Meadows and to provide a letter of support for this application confirming funding availability. The NCTCOG application for TIGER funding is due by June 5, 2015 for the Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project (Road and Bridge District 1), which includes MCIP eligible scope on MCIP 10228 Park Lane and MCIP 10232 Shady Brook Lane, with existing funding commitments not to exceed the combined total of \$4,400,000 for both referenced projects less IHPD cost.

Done in open court June 2, 2015, by the following vote:

IN FAVOR: Honorable Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

Commissioner Mike Cantrell, District 2 Commissioner John Wiley Price, District 3 Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4

OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

Recommended by: Alberta Blair

Originating Department: Public Works



Dallas Area Rapid Transit P.O. Box 660163 Dallas, TX 75266-0163 **214/749-3278**

May 28, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project.** The RTC serves as the policy board for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

This project will significantly improve access to Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Park Lane light rail station through the implementation of a series of connected multi-modal transportation "Road Diets", which offers several high-value improvements at a low cost to enhance safety, increase mobility, and access for all road users. Additionally, the reconstruction of sidewalks, handicap ramps, and streets along Park Lane and other areas of Vickery Meadows may provide DART the opportunity to install as many as twenty (20) passenger waiting shelters after new concrete shelter pads are poured. Finally, this project encourages public transportation use by providing a safe, convenient, and flexible multi-modal route that enables point-to-point connections, resolving many "last mile" issues.

In conclusion, I believe this project meets the established qualifying criteria for the TIGER grant program, and DART fully supports the RTC's efforts towards securing additional funds. If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at (214) 749-2544 or DART's Federal Relations Manager, Eron Linn, at 214-749-2707.

Sincerely,

Gary C. Vhomas

President Executive Director



May 22, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Dallas Independent School District, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project**. This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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The City of Dallas is one of the Federal Highway Administration's designated Pedestrian Safety Focus Cities across the country. The planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the Vickery Meadow neighborhood will improve safety and access throughout the neighborhood, and will benefit more than 664 students who attend Lowe Elementary School. With most of students walking and biking to these Vickery Meadow neighborhood schools, these critical improvements will greatly enhance our children's quality of life and safety.

Thank you for your consideration of the RTC's application to fund these critical improvements that will support safe routes to our schools.

Sincerely,

esenia Cardoza-Ramirez

Principal

Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School



May 21, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project.** This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at ycardoza@dallasisd.org, or by phone at (972) 502-1700

Sincerely,

Yesenia Cardoza-Ramirez

Principal

Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School



May 28, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Vickery Meadow Public Improvement District, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project. This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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Thank you for your consideration of the RTC's application to fund these critical improvements that will support safe routes to our schools.

Sincerely,

Stacey M. Roth, Executive Director Vickery Meadow

Public Improvement District

Ascent Equity Partners

May 21, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

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If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jpalmer@ascentpartners.com, or by phone at (619) 741-9301.

Sincerely

Ascent Equity Partners LLC. • 3855 Avocado Blvd., Suite 210 • La Mesa, CA 91941

Telephone: 619 741-9301 • Fax: 619 741-9305



May 28, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of our companies which own real estate and have our office in Vickery Meadow, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the **Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project**. This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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There are a number of us long-time Dallas residents who have been working tirelessly for a number of years to continually improve this area. It cries out for help at this time. We feel we are now rounding the corner. This grant could do wonders at in making a major change in the complexion of this vital and resurging area of Dallas.

If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at <u>sadie@arcadyrealestate.com</u> or by phone at 214 415-7371.

Most Appreciatively,

Sadie Wertheimer, President

Arcady Real Estate

6808 Eastridge Drive, Suite 11

Dallas, TX 75209



5/28/2015
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Secretary of Transportation
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I am on the board for Vickery Meadow as well as a homeowner in the area. I also help coordinate efforts for the SoPac Trail being built to connect Dallas Downtown to more northern residential areas.

A lot of residence in Vickery Meadow walk or commute via bikes and this project not only helps with pedestrian traffic but also helps bridge what we need to get people better and safer access for the trail so they commute to school and work.

If there is anything additional you may need. Please reach out to me.

Mason Ice

Managing Partner Mason@BARetc.com

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May 28, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of TKG Valencia Midtown LP, a property owner, I am writing to request your review and support of the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program application for the Park Lane/Vickery Meadow Complete Streets Project. This project is submitted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The RTC serves as the policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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If you have any additional questions regarding this project, please contact me at jhickman@providentrealty.net, or by phone at 972-415-9095.

Sincerely,

John R. Hickman
Development Director
Provident Realty Advisors

10210 North Central Expressway, Suite 300

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