



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

TO: Collin County Judge, Mayors, Commissioners,
City Managers, and Regional Transportation
Council Member Representatives

DATE: March 25, 2016

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Kelly Selman, P.E.

SUBJECT: Advancing Freeway/Highway Projects in Collin County

The Regional Transportation Council approved Mobility 2040, the metropolitan transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth area on March 10, 2016. While population growth is an issue for the entire region, growth is particularly rapid in Collin County. That fact, coupled with the comparative lack of non-tolled highway type transportation facilities presents current and future traffic congestion problems in the County.

As we look to implement projects from Mobility 2040, it is imperative that we begin working on environmental studies now to be prepared for funding in the near term. This will be a collaborative process amongst local governments, the Regional Transportation Council, and the Texas Department of Transportation. At this time, we would like to ask each city in Collin County to identify three candidate major freeway/highway type projects that should advance through the environmental process. Please respond back to Michael Morris or Kelly Selman by April 15, 2016, with your entity's recommendations. Again, we are looking for three candidate highway/freeway projects contained in the Mobility 2040 Plan, www.nctcog.org/mobility2040.

We look forward to working with elected officials and the community in Collin County to advance needed transportation projects. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation
North Central Texas Council of Governments

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James K. Selman, P.E.". The signature is in a cursive style, with the letters "J" and "S" being particularly prominent.

James K. Selman, P.E.
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