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Amadeo Saenz, Jr., PE, Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation Dewitt C. Greer State Highway Building 125 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Director Saenz:

It is with great interest that we have read your press release for June 11, 2008.

We are pleased to learn that you are acknowledging the overwhelming opposition to the construction of a new corridor for I-69/TTC.

We take special note of your statements to the media and that you have written a letter to the Federal Highway Administration telling them, "The preliminary basis for this [TTC-69] decision centers on the review of nearly 28,000 public comments made on the Tier One Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The overwhelming sentiment of these comments focused on the need to improve the existing transportation network" rather than building a new corridor for the project.

Today, as you make the official announcement on this change of direction for I-69/TTC, CorridorWatch calls on you to review the equally overwhelming sentiment of those comments made on the Tier One Draft Environmental Impact Statement for TTC-35. Having done so, we request that you write another letter to the Federal Highway Administration to tell them that TxDOT recommends that the TTC-35 Project also be developed using existing highway facilities wherever possible and that the consideration of new corridors that would run east of I-35 should be dropped. As with I-69/TTC, TxDOT should focus on making needed improvements to existing and planned transportation facilities within the I-35 corridor.

Sincerely

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