

**COUNTY JUDGE**

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

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June 28, 2022

Eliza Paul, P.E.
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Re: Segment C of the Grand Parkway (SH 99) in Fort Bend County

Dear Ms. Paul:

Fort Bend County wants to congratulate TXDOT on the recent opening of Segments H and I of the Grand Parkway (SH 99) around the east and northeast sides of the greater Houston area. It is truly remarkable that the vast majority of SH 99 is now open to traffic from I-69 in Fort Bend County all the way to SH 146 in Baytown. In addition to making travel so much easier for people throughout the region, this highway will serve as an important hurricane evacuation route for large numbers of coastal residents.


With the recent opening of Segments H and I, Fort Bend County now hopes that TXDOT will turn its full attention and energies to the rapid approval, design and construction of Segment C within Fort Bend County. Segment C is critically important to the citizens of Fort Bend County, not only for mobility purposes but also to increase safety and provide a desperately needed evacuation route. We are very eager to see construction of this segment begin as soon as possible.

Fort Bend County is currently performing a technical review of the proposed interchange of Grand Parkway Segment C with the proposed Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road, which we prefer be completed before project approval and design work begins on Segment C. As you know, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has voted, unanimously and twice in open session, to locate the proposed interchange at the site depicted in the attached Exhibit A, subject to TXDOT confirming that this is an environmentally acceptable location. The preferred location is also set forth in the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan approved, unanimously, by Commissioners Court, and which is provided to TXDOT for transportation planning purposes. We hope that TXDOT will not delay the environmental review of the interchange location because of any doubt about the preferred location for this interchange. To make sure there is no ambiguity on this point, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has authorized me to send you this letter to confirm our unanimous determination that the preferred location for the interchange is at the site depicted on the attached Exhibit.

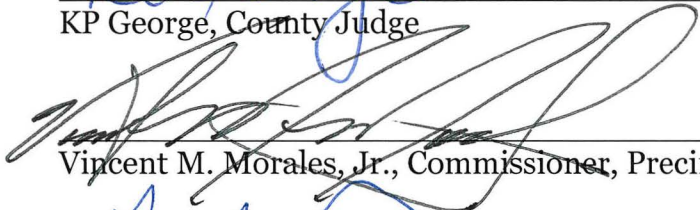
Fort Bend County requests TXDOT support the revised alignment so that there is no further delay in the approval process for Segment C. The recent opening to traffic of Segments H and I has highlighted the lack of progress on Segment C to our constituents, the residents of Fort Bend County. As their representatives, Commissioners Court would like to work with TXDOT to accelerate the review and approval of the project, including a confirmation that the preferred location of its interchange with the proposed Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road is environmentally acceptable. Please be sure that Fort Bend County is committed to bringing Segment C from concept to reality as soon as possible, and please let us know how we can assist TXDOT at the earliest practicable date.

Thank you for all that you do to help improve the mobility and safety of people throughout the Houston District. Fort Bend County Commissioners Court greatly appreciates your cooperation in continuing to bring those benefits to everyone in Fort Bend County. We look forward to your response at your very earliest opportunity given the urgency of this circumstance but we would appreciate a response no later than 30 days.

Sincerely,



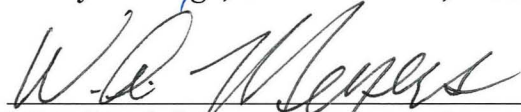
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