



Support for Proposed SH 29 Roadway Improvements

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To the Texas Department of Transportation Team,

On behalf of Burnet County, we express our strong support for the proposed roadway improvements along SH 29 from Lenhe Rd to RM 1174. This project represents a critical investment in safety, mobility, and regional connectivity, and will complete the remaining gap needed to establish a consistent roadway section along the SH 29 corridor.

This segment of SH 29 continues to experience significant traffic growth due to expanding residential development, increasing commercial activity, and its role as a primary east-west route in Burnet County. The current undivided four-lane configuration presents turning conflicts, congestion during peak hours, and limited passing opportunities, all of which create safety and operational challenges for motorists, freight movement, and emergency responders.

The proposed project—to convert the existing undivided four-lane highway into a five-lane section with a continuous two-way left turn lane and 10-foot shoulders—will directly address these issues. A dedicated center turn lane will reduce rear-end and turning-related crashes, while widened shoulders will enhance safety, provide refuge space, and improve accommodation for cyclists and disabled vehicles.

Importantly, this project will close one of the final remaining gaps on SH 29 that does not yet meet the upgraded typical section already being implemented on adjacent segments. Completing this segment will create a consistent roadway profile, improving driver expectations, enhancing corridor continuity, and supporting long-term mobility planning across Burnet County and the local communities.

These improvements will strengthen regional connectivity by supporting safer and more efficient travel between local roads, major collectors, and the state highway system. They will also contribute to economic vitality by supporting reliable access for residents, businesses, and visitors traveling throughout the Hill Country region.

We appreciate the thoughtful planning and coordination that has contributed to the development of this project, as well as TxDOT's continued commitment to improving critical corridors such as SH 29. We fully support its advancement and timely implementation to deliver lasting benefits to the traveling public and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wilson, County Judge

Jim Luther, Jr., Comm. Pct. 1

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