



August 8, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) for the East Wilco Highway Connection

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express Williamson County's financial commitment to the East Wilco Highway Connection funding application.

The Project's estimated construction and utility relocation cost is \$82M (as presented in our MPDG grant application). Williamson County commits to contributing \$16M in non-federal funds to support this Project as expressed in our Project application. East Wilco Highway Connection Grant Request was approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court on August 8, 2023 (see attached).

Our county is committed to this Project, which will deliver safe, dependable, and efficient transportation to travelers by providing an alternate route from SH 130 and US 79. The County has already expended funds for planning, design, and environmental studies. Williamson County is committed to partnering with federal programs that will improve safety for the traveling public while simultaneously improving quality of life for all residents. If federal funding is provided, the County will obligate the funding within the time period set forth under federal-aid highway requirements.

I respectfully request that Williamson County's funding commitment be given full consideration as you consider our federal funds request of only \$66M to fill an existing funding gap. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (512) 943-1550 or ctyjudge@wilco.org.

Sincerely,

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