



January 7, 2025

Office of the Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant for the Liberty Hill Bypass East project

Dear Office of the Secretary of Transportation,

I write to express Williamson County's financial commitment for funding the Williamson County, Texas, Liberty Hill Bypass East project and for the reconnecting of Liberty Hill through the realignment of State Highway (SH) 29 around the city. Rerouting automobile and freight traffic from SH 29 onto a new bypass will allow the City of Liberty Hill to begin realizing plans set forth in their 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The community adopted a plan to build a more livable, walkable, connected, and economically sustainable city with much needed housing and access to jobs for the region and city.

The project has an estimated construction cost of \$24M (as presented in our RAISE grant application). Williamson County commits to contributing \$12M in non-federal funds to support this Project as detailed in our Project application. Liberty Hill Bypass East Grant Request was approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court on January 7, 2025 (see attached).

The county is committed to this Project, which will deliver safe, dependable, and efficient transportation for travelers by providing a bypass route around the city that will improve safety in the downtown center. The County has already expended funds for planning, design, and environmental studies for several sections of the program of projects. Williamson County is committed to partnering with federal programs that will improve safety for the traveling public—including all modes and trip purposes—while simultaneously improving the quality of life of Williamson County residents. If federal funding is provided, the County will obligate the funding within the time period set forth under federal-aid highway requirements.

The Liberty Hill Bypass East project will construct safety, efficiency, and environmental improvements to modernize this major transportation corridor that is critical to connecting suburban and rural residents to nearby high-quality technology and light industrial jobs offering lifelong skill and career growth opportunities including those generated by the new Apple and Samsung campuses and the Tesla Gigafactory, many of which have received federal funding to recapture American goods-manufacturing and high-quality jobs from overseas.

I respectfully request that Williamson County's funding commitment be given full consideration as you consider our federal funds request of only \$12,150,000 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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