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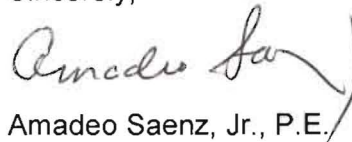
Dear Ms. Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will recommend to eliminate the Tier One New Location Alternative and not advancing it as an option for the I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC) project. Instead, TxDOT is recommending the Use of Existing/Planned Transportation Facilities Alternative as the preferred alternative in the I-69/TTC Tier One Final Environmental Impact Statement. This includes using the right of way along US 59, US 77, US 281, and SH 44.

The preliminary basis for this decision centers on the review of nearly 28,000 public comments made on the Tier One DEIS. The overwhelming sentiment of these comments focused on the need to improve the existing transportation network. Such upgrades may fully satisfy the project's need to improve the international, interstate, and intrastate movement of people and goods for many decades.

If the Federal Highway Administration ultimately approves this recommendation and ultimately selects the Use of Existing/Planned Transportation Facilities Alternative in a Tier One Record of Decision, this alternative would serve as the study area for subsequent Tier Two proposals to build specific segments. Please contact Mark E. Tomlinson, P.E., Director of our Texas Turnpike Authority Division, at (512) 936-0903 if you have any further questions regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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