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August 13, 2015

The Honorable Thom Farrell
Mayor, City of Rollingwood
403 Nixon Drive
Rollingwood, Texas 78746

RE: MoPac South Project

Dear Mayor Farrell:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing the City of Rollingwood's interests and concerns about the MoPac South Project. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recognizes the City as an interested entity under applicable TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration rules (43 T.A.C. §2.12 and 23 C.F.R. §771.119) and we will continue to welcome the City's valuable input. In particular, we look forward to the City's continued input on which aspects of the proposed project have potential for social, economic, or environmental impacts. Further, we welcome the City's input on the operational concepts currently under consideration and any others that come forward in the environmental process.

In your letter you request that the City be designated as a "participating agency" for the MoPac South Project. The term, "participating agency," is normally used in the context of a project classified as requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS), not a project classified as requiring only an environmental assessment (EA). At this time, the MoPac South Project is anticipated to be classified as requiring only an EA, not an EIS. Accordingly, TxDOT does not anticipate formally designating any entity as a "participating agency" for this project.

Again, we continue to welcome the City's input. If you have any questions please contact Carlos Swonke, Director of Environmental Affairs Division, at carlos.swonke@txdot.gov or at (512) 416-2734.

Sincerely,

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Chief Planning and Project Officer

cc: Al Alonzi, Assistant Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division
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Ashby Johnson, Executive Director, Capital Area Metropolitan Authority
Carlos Swonke, P.G., Environmental Affairs Division Director, TxDOT

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