



February 4, 2023

Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E.
Austin District Engineer
Austin District
7901 N. I-35
Austin, TX 78753

Re: Letter of Support for FM 973 (Northbound) and U.S. 290 Highway Project Improvements

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

On behalf of the citizens and businesses of the City of Manor, I am seeking Texas Department of Transportation's support and prioritization of funding, not limited to the State of Texas surplus or fund balance funds, for the FM 973 northbound and U.S. 290 projects to be included in the next round CAMPO call for projects.

Since the 2010 census, the City of Manor has emerged from a small town of 5,087 population with limited transportation assets to be strategically located in the path of growth at the intersection of U.S. 290 and FM 973, to a community of 30,000+ citizens that include ShadowGlen and Presidential Meadow municipal utility districts.

The estimated daily traffic count through the City of Manor has reached as high as 62,000 vehicle per day along U.S. 290 East, which increased from 45,000 vehicles per day. With the increased traffic traveling through our community, our Public Safety officials have dealt with five (5) deaths on the state highways within our corporate limits since 2020. Improving our regional transportation in this portion of Travis County is critical in seeking TXDOT's support one of our 2023 Legislative Agenda items. Securing your support will help us be unified on the FM 973 north corridor improvement and U.S. 290 corridor project toward Bastrop County, will illustrate to our citizens and business stakeholders of the unique opportunity to transcend jurisdictional boundaries, and accelerate public infrastructure improvements for viable short- and long-term solutions for our local and regional mobility needs.

With City of Manor projected to add 13,000 units (an estimated 39,000 population increase) residing in our community over the next 5 to 7 years, managing the region's rapid growth and transportation infrastructure has become a top priority, FM 973 North, U.S. 290 East, and SH 95 South are projects that cannot be understated. TML Region 10 cities stand united with us.

We look forward to collaborating with and supporting TXDOT's priorities for the eastern crescent of Travis County, as well as engaging CAMPO, TNR, and others in the same manner.

Always working to make the world a better place,

Dr. Chris Harvey, Mayor

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