

# Central Texas Transportation Coalition

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The Honorable John Carona  
Chair, Transportation and  
Homeland Security Committee  
Texas Senate  
P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

The Honorable Joe Pickett  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
Texas House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Carona and Chairman Pickett:

Thank you for the invitation to submit written testimony to the joint meeting of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security and House Transportation committees. Our coalition, comprised of business and community groups in Central Texas, supports new revenue sources and funding mechanisms for transportation infrastructure.

In particular, we support:

- Increase the motor fuels (gas) tax and provide an index for future adjustments;
- Provide local jurisdictions with the option to impose transportation fees to fund road, rail, and transit projects; and
- Stop diverting the motor fuels tax that is allocated to the highway fund to financial obligations not directly related to transportation.

We remain committed to public policy that provides local governments the authority to generate local funding for regional transportation projects upon approval by its citizens. We stand ready to work with you and all the members of the Texas Legislature to meet the transportation challenges of the state.

Sincerely,



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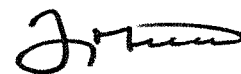
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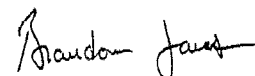
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