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Honorable Phil Dyer
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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Dyer: *Phil*

US75 carries more traffic than any other major highway into/out of the DFW metroplex. In fact, US75 carries 35% more traffic than the next highest traffic count on the highways that radiate from the metroplex.

Enclosed is a TXDOT-produced map that shows the average daily traffic volumes at 31 different points on highways. Each traffic count was taken just outside the highway intersections with the "ring roads" or loops around the metroplex (I-635, I-820, and I-20).

As you can see, US75 just north of I-635 carries 275,000 vehicles every day. The second highest traffic count is I-35 just north of I-635 with 204,000 vehicles. The third highest is I-30 just to the east of I-635 with 160,000 vehicles. Including the Dallas North Tollway at sixth highest with 130,000 vehicles, four of the top six traffic counts are in the northeast quadrant of the metroplex. Although US75 is certainly important to Collin County, the entire region depends on US75 to carry the heaviest traffic load and should support major improvements to US75 for decades of future traffic growth.

I serve on the I-35 Corridor Segment 1 Committee, which is responsible for studying I-35 north of I-20. Our committee is finalizing our report to the full I-35 Corridor Advisory Committee. One of our strong recommendations will be to conduct a separate study on necessary improvements on US75 in order to carry this already tremendous and ever-increasing volume of traffic. This traffic count map is key evidence in support of this recommendation. US75 carries 71,000 more vehicles daily than I-35, and 115,000 more vehicles than I-30.

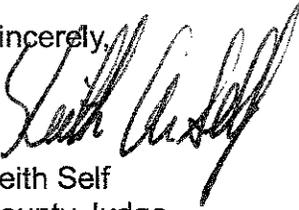
US75 not only sits astride the DFW population growth corridor, it also carries major truck traffic to the midwest and northeast United States. US75 traffic will only grow, both in number and in percentage of vehicles to/from the metroplex.

I ask for your help as we start the process to gain support for a US75 study. The I-35 corridor study will take another several months before it is finalized and presented to the Transportation Commission, but we can start now to let our legislators and transportation

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officials know how vitally important US75 is to transportation into and out of the DFW metroplex. I also ask that you pass resolutions now in support of a separate US75 study, even before the I-35 corridor study is complete. And lastly, I ask that when the I-35 report is briefed to the Transportation Commission, a delegation of local elected officials be on hand to support a separate US75 study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Self", written in a cursive style.

Keith Self
County Judge