



CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

October 14, 2019

Mr. Loyl Bussell
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation - Fort Worth District Office
2501 SW Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Dear Mr. Bussell,

On behalf of the City of North Richland Hills, I am writing today to express the city's support of TxDOT's accelerated expansion of SH 170, also known as the Alliance Gateway Freeway. This expansion is needed now to ensure that we can meet the growing need for capacity in the Alliance Corridor and to ensure unimpeded mobility for residents, commuters and businesses throughout northeast Tarrant and south Denton Counties.

The opening of SH 170 in 1992 provided the transportation infrastructure to support massive industrial, residential and real estate expansion throughout northeast Tarrant and south Denton Counties. It facilitated the exponential growth and transformation of communities in the area and enabled the Alliance Corridor to become a leading global logistics hub and economic center for the North Texas region. It has become an essential highway for motorists and industrial traffic needing east/west access across the north end of the Metroplex.

With the completion of the North Tarrant Express project and continued growth expected in the Alliance area, this expansion is necessary now more than ever. Unfortunately, the average drive time to and from IH-35W along SH 170, which is only seven miles in distance, is in excess of 45 minutes during both the morning and evening rush hours. The expansion of SH 170 will provide a vital and more efficient link for area companies and residents (more than 400,000 within the corridor) between Fort Worth Alliance Airport and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, as well as to downtown Fort Worth to the south. Without this expedited expansion, the congestion will continue to get worse.

North Richland Hills is very much in support of this project and the improved mobility it will bring to residents, commuters and businesses in our region. On October 14, 2019 the North Richland Hills City Council approved a resolution urging TxDOT to proceed with construction of SH 170 improvements at the earliest possible date. We appreciate your consideration of our position and the benefit this project will have for all of North Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oscar Trevino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Oscar Trevino
Mayor