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Dear Interested Party,

With the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962, congress passed legislation making urban transportation planning a requisite for receipt of federal highway funds in urbanized areas. The legislation stipulated a "3-C" process (Continuing, Comprehensive, Cooperative) to be carried out by the states and local communities. More recently, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Act of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) required that the long-range transportation plan (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) be updated every five (5) years and contain, at a minimum, a twenty-five (25) year planning horizon where future transportation needs are projected, alternative actions for meeting those needs are evaluated, and a financially constrained funding plan is presented for local approval. The plan is required to be representative of all modes of transportation; rail, aviation, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, pipeline, streets and highways.

September 2012 will signal the five year update milestone of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2007 – 2032 long-range plan. The Lubbock MPO has chosen to extend its planning horizon for this update beyond the minimum twenty-five year time period to 2040 in order to be more consistent with other long-ranges plans and financial forecasts in the State. In order to start the update process, the Lubbock MPO is soliciting input from a number of sources. As a stakeholder in the planning process, the MPO is requesting that you identify needed transportation projects that do not extend beyond Lubbock County.

Keep in mind that federal highway funds can only be used on highway or street facilities that are classified as collector or above on the functional classification maps approved by the Federal Highway Administration. There is no guarantee that a submitted project will be constructed due to limitations on funding. However, if you believe the project is needed now or in the future, submit the project.

The time period for this Call for Projects will continue through the close of business, January 13, 2012. Projects must be received in the office of the Lubbock MPO by that deadline. Projects received after the deadline will not be considered.

For each project, complete the enclosed form. Use additional sheets to fully describe each project, if necessary. Include as much information as possible to ensure that your project receives an accurate rating. Return the completed form to the MPO at the above address via regular mail, fax, or e-mail (djones@mylubbock.us) by the deadline.

After the due date, the MPO staff will rate and rank the projects according to criteria adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee. Project evaluations will be reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Committee and sent to the Policy Committee for final ranking. This final ranking will determine the priority that the Policy Committee and other stakeholders will pursue as annual funding allocations from the Department of Transportation become available.

Thank you for your attention to this important call for projects. If you have any questions regarding this process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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