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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION TXDOT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As the Interim City Manager for Austin, I am writing to express the City's warm appreciation for the efforts conducted by TxDOT to provide mobility to all Texans. Austin works most closely with the Austin District of TxDOT and we enjoy a true partner relationship with the local TxDOT staff. Together with the Austin District, our city has worked to create a new vision for the Interstate 35 Corridor and is now investing with the district on local infrastructure projects.

We also have enjoyed a close relationship with the local Divisions stationed at TxDOT headquarters in Austin - working with TxDOT leadership to pursue the USDOT Smart City Challenge and to bring new transportation technology to Central Texas' transportation networks. Just yesterday, Google announced that the first fully automated passenger trip was delivered last year here in Austin, making Central Texas the "Kitty Hawk" of the new automated vehicle future. This could not have been accomplished without the interest in emerging technologies and willingness to partner on behalf of the TxDOT administration.

On behalf of the City of Austin, thank you for this opportunity to speak highly of a respected and trusted mobility partner in TxDOT.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I respectfully request that you recommend reauthorization of TxDOT as a State Agency. I further request that you encourage TxDOT to pursue new technologies as part of their infrastructure investments, to prepare all of Texas for the coming wave of new automated and connected travel and safety options within the automotive, freight and transit industries.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree