



April 21, 2021

The Honorable Troy Nehls  
1104 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Randy Weber  
107 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Nehls and Weber,

As the Congress considers taking up the President's Infrastructure Legislation, we encourage you to work in a bipartisan way to keep the bill focused on what most parties agree is infrastructure. In addition, should there be local projects considered in each Congressional District across the nation, there are some significant priorities we believe address health, safety and restoring and expanding economic growth that should rank high on your list. Three transportation projects which are commonly shared interests between Fort Bend and Brazoria County merit special attention and consideration.

**Highway 36A:** We support extension of Highway 36A from Central Fort Bend County to Interstate 10. TxDOT is currently constructing a 2 to 4 lane expansion of the highway from Port Freeport in Brazoria County to the City of Rosenberg in the center of Fort Bend County. This route must continue in an efficient path to Interstate 10 and eventually to US 290 to provide maximum benefit for evacuation, safety, security, and restoration and expansion of economic prosperity to the region. The pace of development in Fort Bend County and the potential for limited options and more expensive costs, the longer this project is delayed, dictates a sense of urgency. There is also significant importance to connecting Interstate 10 to Port Freeport for evacuation and economic reasons.

**Grand Parkway Segments B and C:** Just as critical for safety and economic recovery and expansion reasons, the completion of the Grand Parkway Segments B (Brazoria) and C (Fort Bend), has special import for mobility across the region and especially for your districts and constituents. Federal dollars directed to completion of both these segments simultaneously will advance the prospects for action to be taken.

**Fort Bend Parkway Bridge over the Brazos:** Completing the bridge over the Brazos along the Fort Bend Parkway is another priority. We encourage federal funding to advance this project and overcome this riverine bottleneck providing enhanced evacuation capacity and economic opportunity to Northern Brazoria, Southwestern Harris and Fort Bend Counties



We appreciate your commitment to our region and your focus on the critical needs that will ensure the safety of our communities and shape our economic future. While each County may have other specific infrastructure priorities, these projects represent cross jurisdictional opportunities jointly supported by our organizations and membership. We ask your support for these projects and are here to answer any questions or provide additional detail.

We look forward to working with you both as we move forward. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Wiley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jeff Wiley  
Fort Bend  
Economic Development Council  
President/CEO

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Basinger". The signature is cursive and elegant.

Gary Basinger  
The Economic Development  
Alliance For Brazoria County  
President/CEO