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March 3, 2016

Judge Lee,

If you recall from our Annual Report mailed to you a few weeks ago, we are actively pursuing transportation projects from our member counties. Our Priority Projects will receive political and technical support with some receiving the annual funding award.

There is a specific process that the NET RMA is utilizing to determine which projects will receive funds. The deadline to submit your application is April 15, 2016. Please submit your project paperwork via USPS to the address below and also via email to colleen.colby@netrma.org.

If you should have questions about your application or project please call 903.630.7441 or email colleen.colby@netrma.org to set up a time to discuss your questions with staff and/or committee members.

Monies will be awarded no later than end of fiscal, September 30, 2016. Counties that are awarded monies will be responsible for sending paperwork to the RMA when the monies are spent and will make reports to the board as directed.

The process is simple and rewarding! You don't want to miss out. Please find enclosed the application forms.

Help us meet our strategic plan goals to advance transportation projects in our region.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everett Owen".

Everett Owen
Interim Executive Director, NET RMA

CC: Hudson Old



Priority Project Submittal Form

Please answer all questions. If you need to attach additional pages to answer, please do so.

1. Name of Project:

2. County:

3. Description of Project:

4. Reason project is needed:

5. Describe the benefits the project will produce?

6. Is the Project a transportation project?

7. Describe the regional significance of the project?

8. Describe the local community and political support for the project. Please attach any letters of support you might have.

9. What local financial support is available for the project?

10. What State and/or Federal financial support likely will be available to develop the project?

11. What economic development activities will the project promote?

12. What is the current status of the project's development?

13. Will the project directly produce revenue and if so how?

14. Who can be contacted if additional information is needed? Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail address:



Project Evaluation Matrix

Please respond to the following questions, utilizing a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best score.

1. Is the Project a transportation project? (Higher score would be yes, and one which serves a lot of people).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Does the Project have regional significance? (More regional gets a higher score)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Does the Project have local, political support? (More support, the higher the score.)

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4. Does the Project have local, financial support? (More financial support, the higher the score.)

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5. Will the Project likely get State or Federal financial support? (More State and Federal support, the higher the score.)

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6. Will the project provide economic development? (More economic development, the higher the score.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. Will the Project produce revenue? (Revenue producer for a higher score.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. What stage of development is the project in? (More realistic project, the higher the score.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. Will the NET RMA funds have an impact in moving the project forward? (The higher the impact, the larger the score.)

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Please attach other relevant information for consideration.

April 11, 2016

To: Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Re: Priority Project Submission

FM 1735 / Chapel Hill Road / College (NTCC Northeast Texas Community College) Road

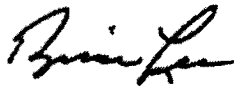
Titus County has discussed our NETRMA project submission during the last three meetings of the Commissioners' Court. We voted today to submit FM1735. This decision was made because of the importance of the project to the community since 2003 when the decision was made to borrow funds to acquire Right of Way. At that time, the court felt like the project would begin in the near future, but like many other projects, a shortage of TxDOT funds continued to delay progress. A second important component was the fact that TxDOT Atlanta District believes they could move forward relatively quickly on this project if the County is able to secure NETRMA funding. Quickly means during 2017 or 2018.

FM 1735 runs in a Southwesterly direction from Highway 49 carrying local traffic to their homes in the Chapel Hill Community, to school in the Chapel Hill School District K-12, and regional traffic to classes at our junior college, Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC). This three mile stretch, known also as the Chapel Hill Road or College Road is a two lane blacktop with many curves and an almost non-existent shoulder. It has been the sight of many traffic accidents, a few with fatalities. Numerous high school and college students travel the route.

In 2015, the county completed our 14 mile loop (a pass through toll project). The FM 4000 segment of the Loop terminates at FM 1735, bringing even more traffic to this narrow road.

Titus County is committed to the completion of this project, but we continue to wait for available TxDOT funds to complete it. In 2003, the county borrowed funds to purchase right of way for this project. The fund has been earning a small amount of interest, and now amounts to \$3.468 million. True current right of way cost is unknown as the original estimates are now 13 years old. The Commissioners understand that further right of way funds may be required of the County. TxDOT continues to carry this project on their books, but a funding date is uncertain. In recent talks with the Atlanta District, the possibility of NETRMA funds resulted in a joint decision to submit this project. If successful, the County and the District would hope to begin in 2017 or 2018.

Titus County is grateful to have the opportunity to request assistance from NET RMA. We would ask for your serious consideration to help us make this significant safety improvement a reality for our Community. Continued development of this residential area and the commercial development of our new Loop will result in increased property values, additional commercial expansion and improved safety for our citizens.



Brian Lee, County Judge



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Priority Project Submittal Form

Please answer all questions. If you need to attach additional pages to answer, please do so.

1. Name of Project: **FM 1735**
2. County: **Titus**
3. Description of Project: **Widening and straightening of FM 1735 otherwise known as the Chapel Hill Road or the College Road (North East Texas Community College)**
4. Reason project is needed:
Improve safety on this well traveled route that is used for residential commute, Chapel Hill Independent School District K-12 attendance, and NTEC College attendance
5. Describe the benefits the project will produce?
Dramatic improvement to this dangerous two lane road that has been the site for several wrecks including fatalities. This is an unsafe road with the amount of school and College students that utilize it daily.
6. Is the Project a transportation project?
Yes. This project has been in TxDot plans since early 2000's. Right of way acquisition funds were borrowed by Titus County over 10 years ago. This money is still in a specific fund but earns very little
7. Describe the regional significance of the project?
This road intersects with FM 4000, a recently completed segment of our 14 mile Loop that was funded as a PASS THROUGH TOLL PROJECT. The new loop has brought additional traffic to FM 1735.

8. Describe the local community and political support for the project. Please attach any letters of support you might have.

Commissioner Court borrowed and still maintains over \$3 million for the purchase of Right of Way and Utility relocation. The court would never have borrowed this money without community need and support.

9. What local financial support is available for the project?

\$ 3.468 million in our 2004 Right of Way Fund is fully available for this project

10. What State and/or Federal financial support likely will be available to develop the project?

TxDot Atlanta ~~is~~ is in agreement that this is a project that needs to be done. With NETRMA support for this project, Atlanta District will move forward with the project in 2017-18 rather than continuing to delay.

11. What economic development activities will the project promote?

This improvement will further strengthen the development of our new loop along with residential development by providing a safer faster route to school, college and other points in the south east quadrant of the County

12. What is the current status of the project's development?

Right of Way purchase funds are ready. Next step will be engineering by TxDot which could begin within next budget year per TxDot if NETRMA funds can be obtained to go toward this project.

13. Will the project directly produce revenue and if so how?

No direct revenue

14. Who can be contacted if additional information is needed? Name:

903-577-6791 off
Phone Number: 903-466-6666 cell

Brian Lee
Titus County Judge

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