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The HONORABLE BRIAN LEE  
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Dear Judge Lee:

During the 86th Regular Legislative Session (2019), the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 4280, which was signed by Governor Greg Abbott and became effective on September 1, 2019. HB 4280 modifies the existing Transportation Infrastructure Fund (Chapter 256, Texas Transportation Code), referred to as the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF). The 86th Legislature also appropriated \$250 million for the CTIF Program, \$125 million in Senate Bill 500 from the Economic Stabilization Fund, and \$125 million in House Bill 1 (General Appropriations Act, Rider 47) from available sources of revenue to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This funding will enable counties in areas affected by energy-sector activities to apply for and obtain grants through TxDOT to repair or improve county roads. On February 27, 2020, the Texas Transportation Commission adopted rules to comply with the statutory changes in HB 4280.

As outlined in HB 4280 and TxDOT rules, grant funding will be distributed to each county according to the following formula: 10% - weight tolerance permits, 20% - oil and gas production taxes, 45% - horizontal well completion, 15% - vertical well completions, and 10% - volume of oil and gas waste injected. The methodology and data used to develop the allocations under the formula were determined by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Railroad Commission of Texas, respectively.

The estimated allocation for each county in the state, assuming all 254 counties apply, will be provided as part of the NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM included with this letter. Actual grant awards may vary from the estimate. Accordingly, it is estimated that Titus County is eligible for a minimum grant award of \$159,482. The total grant award to your county will not be known until the application period closes and all applications are reviewed by TxDOT. TxDOT will then provide a written notice to each applicant that states the amount of the grant award. TxDOT will begin accepting electronically submitted applications on Monday, April 27, 2020. The application period will end Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

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