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The Honorable Terry Canales  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
Texas House of Representatives

RE: Support for HJR 77 proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund.

Dear Chairman Canales:

Texans travel great distances every year and they do it using every transportation option provided to them. They drive, walk, bike, and ride transit and they use multiple options on every trip. Providing funding to accommodate the overall travel is the key to a successful transportation system: the more transportation options, the more the state benefits in terms of commerce, safety, and more.

According to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute's Center for International Intelligent Transportation Research, a 2021 analysis of three multimodal projects concluded that "savings derived from safety enhancements, vehicle operations, environmental factors and infrastructure improvements are real and measurable." Multimodal investments by the State benefit the State, and make our transportation system more accessible for all.

We strongly favor passage of House Joint Resolution 77, authored by Representative Armando Walle. HJR 77 seeks to invest our transportation dollars in ways that expand our transportation options and therefore benefit the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

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