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Tryon Lewis
Chairman -Texas Transportation Commission
125 E. 11th Street
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RE: Construction of SH99 Segment G

Dear Chairman Lewis,

The construction of the Grand Parkway, specifically segment G in Montgomery County, has caused a serious burden to the constituents I represent. The traffic gridlock resulting from the construction is like nothing I have ever witnessed and I believe it to be a hazardous situation. The gridlock is so pervasive and prevalent that emergency vehicles are unable to adequately travel Grand Parkway / SH99 and Rayford Road. The traffic signals and lane designations as currently operated and delineated are contributing to the problems instead of providing for movement through the area.

My office has attempted to improve the situation to the extent of Montgomery County's authority and resources. However, the County no longer has any authority over Riley Fuzzel / SH99 or the traffic signals in the bottleneck areas due to the segment G construction. Additional measures to increase the traffic flow during peak periods must be taken immediately. If steps are not undertaken immediately to eliminate the gridlock and relieve the bottlenecks, (1) additional vehicle collisions may occur, (2) emergency vehicles will be unable to respond to emergencies both on the roadway and in the adjoining residential and commercial areas, and (3) property values may be adversely affected.

I am formally requesting that you review this matter immediately and make changes that will provide better mobility during the construction phase. I appreciate your time in this matter and look forward to your response.

Regards,

James Noack
Commissioner, Pct. 3

CC: Commissioner Jeff Mosley
    Quincy Allen, District Engineer
    Senator Brandon Creighton
    Senator Robert Nichols
    Representative Mark Keough