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Dear Chairman Thornton:

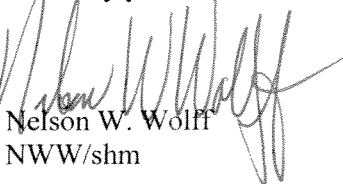
As you are well aware, congestion relief for the citizens of northern Bexar County is again delayed because of the withdrawal of previously approved environmental clearances for the U.S. 281 project. The drivers and passengers of the more than 95,000 vehicles traveling daily along this 8-mile stretch of road will continue to experience traffic delays, frustration and potentially unsafe conditions. While the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is not currently responsible for conducting either the environmental study or addressing potentially unsafe conditions, I believe the community would benefit if this locally-controlled organization would assume a larger role in both issues.

I request that the Alamo RMA take over as lead agency for conducting the required environmental studies for U.S. 281 and Loop 1604. Because of the location, proximity to the aquifer, and the public interest in these projects, I additionally request the Alamo RMA work with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to ensure that these studies are of the highest possible standard and that community members directly participate in the studies.

Because these new environmental studies could take a minimum of two years, I additionally request the Alamo RMA work with TxDOT to identify and implement safety improvements within these project corridors as soon as possible. I understand that these improvements will not relieve congestion or the frustration now experienced by travelers, but they could help ensure their safe passage.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience the Alamo RMA's view of taking on this additional responsibility. Thank you and your organization for your continued work to improve mobility within Bexar County and for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely yours,

  
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