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Mateo Barnstone
North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2 (NCINC2)

RE: I-35 Aesthetics Plan from Rundberg Lane to Woodland Avenue

Dear Stakeholder:

Interstate 35 through the Austin area is the most congested highway in Texas. It's also the backbone of our economy and the front door to Austin's central business district. As part of the community, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and its partners have been working to improve the technical aspects of I-35. Now, we are inviting you to work with us and other members of the community to improve the visual aspects of the corridor as a member of an I-35 Aesthetics Working Group.

This working group is part of the Mobility35 Program sponsored by TxDOT, the city of Austin and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The purpose of the working group is to assist Mobility35 in developing guidelines for aesthetic treatments on I-35 from Rundberg Lane to Woodland Avenue. Through this effort and targeted public outreach opportunities, we hope to find creative and innovative design concepts for celebrating Austin, while on-going environmental studies tackle the technical aspects of transportation safety and mobility. Examples of aesthetics design elements to be developed include treatments to walls, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian elements, and landscaping.

Representatives from neighborhood groups, business organizations, local governmental entities, I-35 users and other stakeholders have been invited to participate in the Aesthetics Working Group. **The kick-off meeting for this working group is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the TxDOT Austin District office located at 7901 N. I-35, near US 183 and I-35.** A light dinner will be provided at this meeting.

Thereafter, the working group will meet four additional times throughout 2016. As the meetings progress, the group will build upon information gathered at previous meetings and work toward a preferred aesthetic concept for the corridor; thus, regular attendance at meetings will be important to the ultimate success of the working group. If interested, we ask that your organization select a representative to participate in this working

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group. We also ask that your representative agree to participate in at least three of the four other meetings. In an effort to ensure continuity within the group, substitutions or alternative representatives are discouraged. Please send the name and contact information by Friday, Nov. 20 for the person that will represent your group to Karen Lorenzini, Mobility35 Program Manager, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 15426, Austin, Texas 78761-5426 or Karen.Lorenzini@txdot.gov.

We hope you will consider participating in the I-35 Aesthetics Working Group. We look forward to seeing you or your representative on Dec. 1. In the meantime, for more information about the I-35 Aesthetics Plan from Rundberg Lane to Woodland Avenue, please visit <http://my35.org/capital/projects/travis/rundberg-woodland.htm>. For more information about the Mobility35 Program, please visit www.my35.org/capital/.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen M. Lorenzini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Lorenzini, P.E.
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