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Texas Transportation Commission
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Bugg and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Permian Road Safety Coalition (PRSC), I would like to express our support for the proposed 2025 Unified Transportation Plan, particularly for the safety funding provided in Categories 8 & 11 and the energy sector funding provided in Category 11.

From Fortune 500 companies to small employers with only a handful of employees, the PRSC is supported by a broad group of stakeholders, or Coalition Partners, who all drive the same roads and share the same risks with the public at large in the Permian Basin. Our mission is to make roads safer and road infrastructure better across 27 counties in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico that make up the Permian Basin.

The Permian Basin is the cornerstone of America's energy industry. Along with the region's economic prosperity, we face a critical infrastructure challenge: maintaining safe roads with rapid growth and increased traffic. Unfortunately, the Permian Basin has the highest number of fatal roadway accidents in Texas. Investing in and improving Permian Basin roads is a necessity for the safety of our residents, commuters, and industry workers in the region, and for continued regional development. TxDOT's Permian Promise has resulted in significant improvements in our area, and we support its continuance.

PRSC and the Permian Strategic Partnership (PSP) have proudly partnered on several infrastructure projects to increase road quality and safety for our community. Together, we have worked diligently to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities on the roadways through leveraging investments from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), publicly messaging safe driving tips, and offering several safe driving programs.

Along with improving driving conditions and safety, over the past five years PRSC and PSP have joined forces to support our first responders by contributing over \$4 million and 8,500 pieces of equipment to help save lives.

PRSC continues to advocate for long-term funding required in the Permian Basin to sustain the region that directly impacts Texas' economic competitiveness and security, and our nation's energy security. The Permian Basin includes many rural areas with small populations that are outside of metropolitan planning organization areas. Unfortunately, these remote areas are experiencing big transportation issues related to increased traffic, deteriorating road conditions, and the need for improvements. PRSC aims to be a voice for these areas and the entire Permian Basin.

We appreciate TxDOT's commitment to the Permian Basin and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure safe travel in our booming region.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor, State of Texas
The Honorable Dan Patrick, Lt. Governor, State of Texas
The Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, State of Texas
Permian Basin Legislative Delegation