

February 25, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott,

On behalf of The Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI) and its members, we thank you for your support of innovative ways to ensure that congestion-relieving roadways and other key infrastructure projects are created for the benefit of thousands of citizens in the state of Texas.

As an organization that offers best practices for state and local officials to deliver new and rebuilt infrastructure systems through public-private-partnerships, we are hopeful the state will consider new authorizations that immediately create thousands of local job opportunities through infrastructure construction, and keep important highway arteries moving with critical goods and services.

AlAI's members – many of whom are based in Texas – have been involved with or helped construct almost all of the public-private partnership projects across the state, and have been proud to be a part of the state's highly successful track record in innovative infrastructure delivery. Given the immense taxpayer-protecting benefits of public-private partnerships and their ability to accelerate the construction and completion of much-needed new infrastructure projects, AIAI respectfully asks for support for the authorization of additional public-private partnerships in Texas where they make the most sense for the taxpayer.

Public private partnerships allow states to build much-needed and critical projects that otherwise would likely not be possible. And, in so doing, it puts Texans to work immediately improving Texas corridors, and ensuring the state's continued leadership as a national engine of economic growth.

Thank you for any and all the support you can lend. More collaborative initiatives related to infrastructure will certainly be appreciated by AIAI's Texas members. And, if collaborative initiatives are encouraged, numerous other large firms (all AIAI members) will be eager to expand into Texas as well. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Buglione,

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## **Executive Director**

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