



**DALLAS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

February 26, 2008

**Re: Major Capital Improvement Fund Thoroughfare Program Call for Projects for
Program Year 2009 through 2014**

Dear Dallas County Partner:

Dallas County is soliciting nominations from cities for projects to be funded through the Fifth Call of the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). The MCIP is a "Funding Commitment" financing mechanism for funding infrastructure improvements that is now in its fifth cycle. Occurring once every 2 to 3 years, this cycle of project selection allows Dallas County the flexibility to focus on high priority projects and to assure that projects can be designed and constructed in a timely manner.

Under this funding mechanism, approximately \$30 million dollars will be available annually in FY 2014 through FY 2016 which will leverage at least \$180 million dollars of construction funding in Dallas County over this three year period. We are currently seeking nominations for projects to be funded for construction in FY 2014 and beyond. All nominations for funding in the FY 2009 program selection year must be submitted to Dallas County Public Works by 4 PM on August 29, 2008. Evaluations of the FY 2009 submittals will be completed by December 2008, and each city will be provided with the preliminary rankings of its own projects at that time for comment and feedback, with city response to these comments due no later than December 15, 2008. Final project approval will be completed by April 2009, with notifications of project approval being sent after court approval. Projects accepted for FY 2009 will begin initial planning and design to allow award of the construction contract during Program Year 2014.

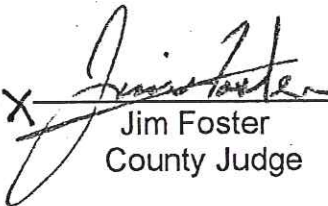
In September 2007, Dallas County adopted its first Strategic Plan. The Plan puts into words, the principles of service to its citizens that Dallas County has been operating under since it was incorporated. In seeking to improve regional mobility and air quality by providing infrastructure improvements with our City partners, Dallas County is consistent with the Strategic Plan, but in particular is directly fulfilling the following vision:

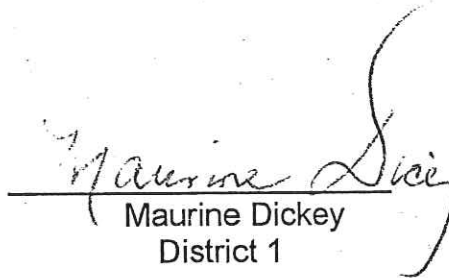
- Vision 1 Dallas County is a model interagency Partner*
- Vision 4 Dallas County proactively addresses critical regional issues*
- Vision 5 Dallas County is the destination of choice for residents and businesses*

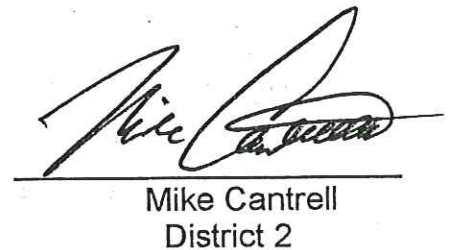
The e-application form will be available on-line beginning on February 26, 2008 and can be accessed on the Dallas County website at www.dallascounty.org/html/citizen-serv/pubwks/mcip-projects.html. The application form is supported by Microsoft Access 97 (or later) and may be downloaded for completion of both in electronic and printed copies. Applications will be submitted both on disk and five hard copies along with any supporting information.

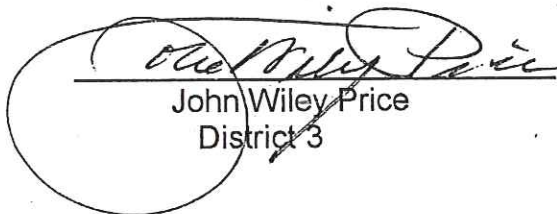
A Partnering Workshop to discuss application procedures will be held in the Dallas County Commissioners Courtroom on April 9th, 2008. You will be sent reminder notices about this workshop approximately one month prior and then again one week prior to the date.

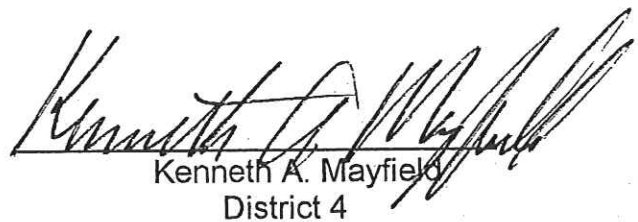
We have included a copy of the application form and instructions, as well as the evaluation criteria which will be used to rate the proposals. (Note that local cost participation of at least 50% of the estimated project cost, is a key element in the criteria.) If your city qualifies as an economically distressed city please contact us for more information. If you have any questions about any aspects of the MCIP or of the selection methodology, we encourage you to contact Dallas County Public Works at (214) 653-7151.


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