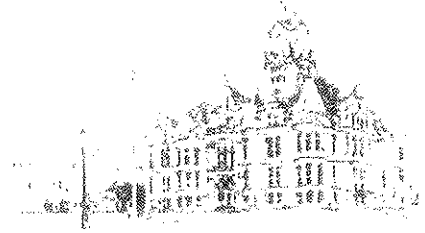


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May 12, 2009

Representative Tom Latham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2447 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Re: State Highway 44  
From U.S. Highway 169 to State Highway 141

Dear Congressman Latham:

**The Dallas County Board of Supervisors supports upgrading State Highway 44 from U.S. Highway 169 to State Highway 141 between the cities of Dallas Center and Grimes.** As you are aware, Dallas and Guthrie counties west of the Des Moines metropolitan area have experienced unprecedented growth within the past fifteen years. This ongoing growth has stressed the state, cities and counties transportation systems. The problem has become especially critical for commuters from Guthrie Center, Panora, Dallas Center and the rural area.

The Iowa Corridor Partnership developed a "Coordinated Transportation and Land Use Plan" in 2003-2004. The Partnership consisted of cities and counties along the corridor as well as school districts and private industry. At that time, several public meetings were held and data collected including motorist interviews. The final report considered the safety, level of service and structural adequacy and concluded that the Sufficiency Rating of the subject road was "poor". It has not improved.

We are requesting support for the initial steps towards development of an expressway for the identified corridor. The existing two-lane roadway has safety and service problems that will only become worse over time. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Ockerman  
Chairman Pro-tem  
Board of Supervisors

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