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To the Wise County Commissioners Court:

On Tuesday, April 7, I met at the North Central Texas Council of Governments building with NCTCOG Director of Transportation Michael Morris, Senior Program Manager Dan Lamers, Senior Program Manager Christie Gotti, Program Manager Michael Burbank, and Parker County Judge Mark Riley, who will become chairman of the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council this summer.

During the meeting, I shared my desire to tackle long-term transportation planning for Wise County to effectively manage the growth that we all know will continue to come our way. To move toward this goal, NCTCOG has offered to fund and conduct a comprehensive thoroughfare study and plan for Wise County, should the Commissioners Court choose to initiate the project.

NCTCOG will undertake the project, which will provide an evaluation of multimodal transportation needs within Wise County and a comprehensive assessment of our transportation issues, needs, and forecasts for future growth and safety. The study, which could take 12 to 18 months, will also include public meetings facilitated by NCTCOG to discuss and identify transportation issues throughout our county.

Ultimately, of course, any projects identified by this comprehensive plan will need funding, and having a thoroughfare plan of this scope and quality should significantly increase our potential to obtain funding for transportation projects from outside resources.

This comprehensive thoroughfare study will be an asset to everyone who lives in, works in, or passes through Wise County. We owe it to our citizens to actively prepare for our future growth by planning for safe, efficient thoroughfare transportation.

I respectfully request that the Wise County Commissioners Court authorize me to send a letter to NCTCOG formally notifying them of our acceptance of the offer to fund and conduct a thoroughfare study for our county.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.D. Clark", written over a horizontal line.

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