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Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

Public-private partnerships (P3s) have been used for decades across the globe and in Texas to finance large infrastructure projects. The State of Texas has a long history of successfully utilizing P3s to accommodate our growing infrastructure needs. We are writing to encourage you to fully consider opportunities this session to jump-start infrastructure development and leverage state and taxpayer investments by embracing the use of P3s.

Last year, a joint report released by the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston and the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas highlighted opportunities to spur growth and reinvigorate the economy post-shutdown. The report called for “more private capital to be utilized to build infrastructure through comprehensive development agreements.”

In addition, the Texas House Committee on Transportation in their interim report recommended the Legislature “consider the merits of reauthorizing [comprehensive development agreements] to enhance the ability of TxDOT and other transportation entities to partner with the private sector to deliver essential infrastructure projects.”

As organizations representing the business communities of Texas' eight largest metropolitan areas, we understand how our economy depends on the ability to efficiently move goods and people around the state. Additionally, by partnering with the private sector for large-scale infrastructure projects, more public dollars are freed up for projects across the state. That is why we encourage you to consider the importance of P3s to increase infrastructure investment in Texas and work this session to incorporate P3s into the mix of appropriate transportation funding options.

Sincerely,

Arlington Chamber of Commerce
Austin Chamber of Commerce
Dallas Regional Chamber
El Paso Chamber of Commerce
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Greater Houston Partnership
San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce