

FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB February 27, 2009

Please submit completed questionnaire to matt.johnson@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project: **City of Denton – Hickory Street Corridor Improvements**
2. Please describe the project and its purpose: **The project calls for the enhancement of Hickory Street in Downtown Denton between the Downtown Denton Multimodal Transportation Center (DCTA Commuter Rail Station) and the University of North Texas via the Denton Courthouse Square.**
3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan: **The City of will provide the required local match for any federal funds the delegation secures for this project. In addition, the City is looking at every possible source of funding for this priority, including the State Transportation Enhancement Program and other programs.**

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security): **The Hickory Street Corridor Project will link Downtown Denton's historic square (listed on the Nation Register of Historic Places) to the future Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) rail station and the Multimodal Transit Facility to the east and to the University of North Texas (UNT) to the west. This connectivity is critical as Denton works to improve mobility to and through our Downtown Square.**

The imminent arrival (2010) of the commuter train is expected to spur mixed use development adjacent to the transit facility. New residents in this area will need a walkable route to the Downtown Square. The improvements to Hickory Street and its sidewalks are a key component in Denton's Master Plan that currently lacks funding. The Hickory Street Project is needed to promote access for the additional pedestrian and bicycle traffic generated by the transit project, as well as the more than 20,000 university students (UNT and Texas Women's University) who commute to Denton each day. The Hickory Street Corridor will fulfill the City of Denton's goal of making this area more "green" by encouraging people to park their vehicles and walk or bike to their destination in Denton's core and encourage new projects and businesses that fit with sustainable development. The Corridor will also serve as a critical link from the future Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) rail station to historic downtown and to the universities.

2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority: **The imminent arrival (2010) of the commuter train is expected to spur mixed use development adjacent to the transit facility. New**

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III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting: **\$1,965,000**
2. Agency from which you are requesting funds: **Federal Highway Administration**
3. Account from which you are requesting funds: **Transportation, Community & Systems Preservation Program (TCSP)**

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

Total Project Cost = \$2,565,000

Federal = \$1,965,000

City of Denton = \$600,000

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

Yes, the City of Denton will provide the required local match for any federal funds the delegation secures for this project.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

Yes, the City of Denton will provide the required local match for any federal funds the delegation secures for this project.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

Hickory Street Corridor Project Funding Breakdown:

Street Work: \$690,000

Sidewalks: \$930,000

Enhancements: \$265,000

Engineering & Surveying: \$180,000

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

The project is eligible for surface transportation funding.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

The project enjoys widespread support and letters of support will be submitted shortly.

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

Once funding for the entire project is available, the City can proceed quickly to construction.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

John Cabrales, Public Information/Intergovernmental Relations Officer

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

940-349-8509

john.cabrales@cityofdenton.com

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

215 East McKinney

Denton TX 76201

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 20109?

The entire request can be spent in FY 2010.

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

Yes.

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

Yes.

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

Yes.

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

No, it is a local government project.

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, **Mark Burroughs**, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

The City of Denton MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying: **Mark Burroughs**

Title of person certifying: **Mayor**

Project name as it will appear in the bill: **Denton Hickory Street Corridor Improvements**

Legal name of entity making request: **City of Denton, Texas**

Address: **215 East McKinney, Denton TX 76201**

Signature

Date