

August 15, 2012

Commissioner Ted Houghton, Chair
Texas Transportation Commission
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commissioner Houghton,

On behalf of the fifty one member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, I take this opportunity to express our concern regarding the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) San Antonio's request to declare as surplus the section of historic road in Leon Springs, Texas known as the Old Fredericksburg Road.

This road is one of the most historic roads in Bexar County, dating back to prehistoric times as an Indian trail. Historically it was the Old Mission Road to San Saba Mission, the early stagecoach and freighting route to western Texas, part of the Great Western Cattle Trail, Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway in the 1920s, named part of an Historic Corridor by the 2011 Texas Legislature in HB1499 and is a valuable representation of historic and prehistoric travel in northwest Bexar County.

We ask that the wishes of the northwest Bexar County community, which values this historic road, and those of our member groups, which have united to preserve the history and culture of the Texas Hill Country, be considered before the Texas Transportation Commission takes any action regarding this road.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and very much appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Copies should also go to: (address above)

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