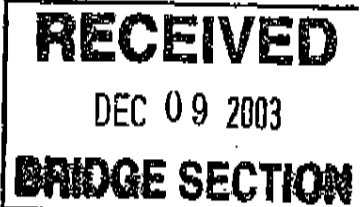


City of Dallas



December 5, 2003

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Bridge Section
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Subject: Proposed OTIA III Bridge Project – 53B142 Levens Street Bridge.

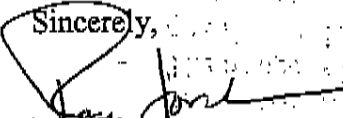
Gentlemen,

With respect to the subject bridge project and your request dated November 24, 2003, please note the following:

- Levens Street Bridge is on the City's primary, and only signed, truck route. This route serves as a bypass for Kings Valley Highway (a District Highway). Truck traffic using the Levens Street truck route avoids the congested downtown areas.
- The bridge is heavily used by the forest products industry, various local quarries, agriculture, local industry (Forest River, TYCO, etc), intra-city commerce and Emergency Vehicle Traffic. The bridge is the primary route for emergency vehicles serving the entire Northwest quadrant of the City.
- The Levens Street truck route is directly connected to Kings Valley Highway, a District Highway. Kings Valley Highway is connected to State Route 22 approximately 2 miles north of Dallas.
- Truck traffic was determined by a 12-hour manual count, taken on September 23, 2003.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or Fred Braun at (503) 831-3555.

Sincerely,


Roger Jordan
City Manager