

LWV-DALLAS STATEMENT on the TRANS TEXAS CORRIDOR

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given by Kathleen Matsumura.

I am here tonight presenting the League of Women Voters of Dallas' position on the Trans Texas Corridor. This position, derived from membership consensus obtained during our 2004-2005 State Transportation Study, was adopted at this year's State Convention.

The League of Women Voters of both Texas and Dallas *supports*:

****the development of a transportation system to move people and goods that includes a variety of transportation modes, with emphasis on increased public transportation services and other viable alternatives.**

****a system that is efficient, convenient and cost effective and that serves all segments of the population and diverse geographic needs.**

****a system that minimizes harmful effects on the environment, is integrated with land use, and incorporates extensive public education.**

The League, however, *opposes* the proposed route for the Trans-Texas Corridor for the following reasons:

****Recommendations from local and regional planning groups were not implemented in the route selection.**

****Concerns from local governments on potential economic and environmental effects have not been addressed.**

****Major Texas centers of population are not connected in a seamless fashion.**

Thank you for providing this opportunity to speak.