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August 22, 2013

Mr. Jimmy Dissler, Executive Director of Capital Improvements Leander Independent School District P.O. Box 218 Leander, Texas 78646-0218

RE: Request for Construction Approval for LISD Additional Access Road

Dear Mr. Dissler:

I have received the above referenced BCCP Infrastructure Application dated August 5, 2013. After careful review of your application and supporting materials I am denying your request for construction approval inside the Bull Creek Primary B Corridor.

I do not question the need for your project, however, restrictions for this corridor prevent me from approving your request. The corridor where your project is proposed is not designated as a roadway corridor, there is no planned corridor to accommodate a roadway provided in this corridor, nor is there an existing roadway facility documented in this corridor that might be expanded to accommodate your project. I believe to allow a roadway in this corridor would require an amendment to the BCCP federal permit. Only a voting member of the BCCP Coordinating Committee may place a proposed BCCP amendment on the Coordinating Committee agenda. The Coordinating Committee may recommend the amendment to the City Council and County Commissioners Court. If an amendment is recommended, both governing bodies must vote to seek the amendment before the process for permit amendment could begin.

You may appeal my decision directly to the BCCP Coordinating Committee. The next Coordinating Committee meeting will be September 18, 2013. I am tentatively placing your appeal on their agenda, pending formal notification from you or your representatives that you wish to appeal, and when you would like your appeal heard. Note I will be away from the office between September 2, 2013 and September 15, 2013. In my absence you may contact Sherri Kuhl, (512) 972-1664 <u>sherri.kuhl@austintexas.gov</u> for assistance Jimmy Dissler August 22, 2013

We have also recently learned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to list Jollyville Plateau salamander (JPS) as Threatened. Our analysis of proposed critical habitat and JPS monitoring data shows numerous occupied JPS habitat sites in the vicinity of the proposed project. Because of that any action to amend BCP will be analyzed by the service to determine impacts to JPS and could limit BCCP's ability to amend its permit to provide take for this project.

Sincere

William A. Conrad BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary

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