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	Subject	City Council Bill #15-0539: Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$20,000,000		

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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Natawna Austin City Hall, Rm. 400

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #15-0539: Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$20,000,000. The legislation would provide funding for the response to the recent civil unrest in Baltimore.

We have assessed our portion of costs in the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be \$96,287. This cost reflects three general activities undertaken by three divisions of DOT during the period of unrest: maintenance, towing, and traffic.

Maintenance activities included setting up and installing barricades and jersey walls, operating heavy equipment to assist with debris removal and clean-up efforts, supplying a light tower for the Police Department and a generator for Homeland Security, and staff efforts to coordinate resources and represent the department in various locations. Towing efforts were focused on the relocation of vehicles. Finally, traffic costs involved the replacement of various signals damaged by fire, rewiring various traffic control signals and cabinets, maintaining barricades, assisting with traffic management, adjusting signal timing, and technical support.

Knowing that we and our sister agencies have incurred similar (and in some cases, substantially more) costs in light of the civil unrest, DOT urges a favorable report on City Council Bill #15-0539.

Respectfully,

William M. Johnson

Director

