

#BuildTheRoad -Next Steps

The facts:

- More than 3,700 students & staff use FPMS & VHS
- Second road will positively impact student safety
- Will be built along existing infrastructure corridor
- Is the safest option
- Will improve traffic efficiency
- Minimal environmental impact

Leander ISD has already reached out to lawmakers, and now **we need the community's help** in promoting this topic, too. We're asking you to take the time to contact these lawmakers over these next couple of weeks — on social media, by writing a letter or email, by calling their office — to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service work with LISD to find a solution.

Write a Letter:

Dear XXXX:

I am urgently requesting your support in assisting Leander Independent School District in promptly obtaining federal approval of an Endangered Species Act (ESA) permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This permit will be used for the purposes of the construction and *use* of a second access road to Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School in northwest Austin, Texas.

A second access road is critical to the safety of 3,700 students and staff who attend the schools as it will alleviate heavy traffic and extended travels delays in the area around the schools.

The proposed road will run through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. Environmental studies have shown that the impact on protected species, their habitats, and the environment overall will be minimal, as the road will be located in a formally designated infrastructure corridor, which already contains three high-voltage electric transmission lines as well as buried water mains.

Citizens, businesses, civic groups, and local chambers of commerce are highly supportive of the proposed project to the Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus. Please make an inquiry with the Secretary of the Interior regarding prompt approval of this permit.

Regards,
YOUR NAME

Listed below are a few sample Tweets to help you get started and contact information for these representatives.

Sample Tweets:

- .@RepMcCaul We need your help to #BuildTheRoad to VHS & FPMS in @LeanderISD! #StudentSafety #myLISD
- .@RogerWilliamsTX Help students get to school safely. #BuildTheRoad to VHS & FPMS in @LeanderISD! #StudentSafety #myLISD
- .@SenTedCruz Please help us #BuildTheRoad to VHS & FPMS to greatly improve #StudentSafety in @LeanderISD! #myLISD

<p><u>Congressman Michael McCaul</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/MichaelTMcCaul Tweet at him on Twitter @RepMcCaul Call him at 202-225-2401 Write to 2001 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>	<p><u>Congressman John Carter</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/JudgeCarter Tweet at him on Twitter @RepJohnCarter Call him at 202-225-3864 Write to 2110 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>
<p><u>Senator John Cornyn</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/Sen.JohnCornyn Tweet at him on Twitter @JohnCornyn Call him at 202-224-2934 Write to 517 Hart SOB, Washington DC, 20510</p>	<p><u>Senator Ted Cruz</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/TedCruzPage Tweet at him on Twitter @SenTedCruz Call him at 202-224-5922 Write to 404 Russell SOB, Washington DC, 20510</p>
<p><u>Congressman Roger Williams</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/RogerWilliamsTX Tweet at him on Twitter @RogerWilliamsTX Call him at 202-225-9896 Write to 1323 Longworth HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>	<p><u>Congressman Bill Flores</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/RepBillFlores Tweet at him on Twitter @RepBillFlores Call him at 202-225-6105 Write to 2440 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>
<p><u>Congressman Lamar Smith</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/LamarSmithTX21 Tweet at him on Twitter @LamarSmithTX21 Call him at 202-225-4236 Write to 2409 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>	<p><u>Congressman Louie Gohmert</u> Email him through his website Tag him on Facebook.com/RepLouieGohmert Tweet at him on Twitter @RepLouieGohmert Call him at 202-225-3035 Write to 2243 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515</p>