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## What Mayors are Saying about Bike-Pedestrian Connectivity

“As the nation’s fourth largest Metropolitan area, Dallas/Fort Worth is stronger when we work together. It’s crucial that all of our communities continue to build bridges — both literally and figuratively. By connecting our cities, this new trail will give our children and their children the opportunity to explore all of North Texas in a healthy and sustainable way.” —Mayor Betsy Price, Fort Worth

“In the city of Arlington, we are constantly looking for new ways to encourage the community to sustain an active lifestyle. Bicycling contributes to strong cardiovascular health, which is critical to getting your heart rate up and increasing blood circulation throughout the body. Bike trails throughout the Metroplex will also encourage more people to leave their cars at home, improving air quality over time. This is an important point to note, because air quality is one of the leading reasons for so many children being diagnosed with respiratory illnesses at an early age. As a region, we should be encouraged to see different communities working together to accomplish the same goal of providing residents with more opportunities to stay active and healthy.” —Mayor Robert Cluck, Arlington

“Shortly after I was elected, Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson, who served on our City Council for 30 years, looked me in the eye and told me I better get the trail system finished because she wasn't going to be around to do it. With her passing in August of 2013 at age 92, you bet Grand Prairie is interested in completing her wishes! As our residents grow 'greener' and look at alternative forms of transportation and exercise, an intercity bike trail holds promise. We are especially partial to projects that unite our communities, so we are interested in seeing how this develops.” — Mayor Ron Jensen, Grand Prairie

“Irving serves as an integral link to the Metroplex’s massive transportation corridor, and it only makes sense to include the bicycle-pedestrian network. I strongly promote outdoor activity, and this project would complement our existing Campión Trail, which is beautiful and heavily used year-round.” —Mayor Beth Van Duyne, Irving

“A continuous system of trails from Dallas to Fort Worth will make bicycling safer for families and connect our residents to parks, shopping, restaurants and, perhaps most important, one another. I am proud to be working with my colleagues in Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie and Irving to create a corridor that will make our communities stronger and lead to a more active and vibrant region.” —Mayor Mike Rawlings, Dallas

Photo caption: Mayors (from left) Mike Rawlings, Dallas; Robert Cluck, Arlington; Betsy Price, Fort Worth; Ron Jensen, Grand Prairie; and Beth Van Duyne, Irving, met recently to discuss connecting their cities with a regional bicycle-pedestrian trail corridor.

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