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November 25, 2025

Mr. John Peterek
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Dear Mr. Peterek:

Thank you for your letter dated November 5, 2025, regarding the city's request for exception. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not consider this exception request acceptable. We are requesting all exception requests include a signed and sealed document by a traffic engineer stating that the crosswalks are in compliance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD), Secretary Duffy's Safe Road Initiative and the Governor's directive from October 8, 2025, in order to be considered. If an exception will not be submitted, we request the city submit a plan of action for removing the non-compliant markings. Please submit an updated exception request addressing the requirements noted above, or your action plan prior to December 10, 2025 to:

TRF_ColoredPavement@txdot.gov.

Section 3H.01 and 3H.03 of the 2024 federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) discusses colored pavement between crosswalk lines, "Aesthetic Surface Treatments." The MUTCD, in Section 3H.03, cites specific materials (e.g., bricks and paving stones), patterns (e.g., mesh, grid, etc.), and colors (e.g., brick red, rust, etc.) that are the only acceptable aesthetic surface treatments. Painted colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, etc.) fall outside of the intent of both Sections 3H.01 and 3H.03.

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TxDOT respectfully requests that the city comply with the provisions of the MUTCD cited above. Failure to comply with this directive may result in the withholding or denial of state or federal funds and/or the suspension of agreements between TxDOT and the city.

As always, we appreciate the city's cooperative efforts on the many successful projects and initiatives we have underway. Please contact George Villarreal at George.Villarreal4@txdot.gov or (512) 416-3200 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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