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DEWHURST NAMES CAMPBELL TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

AUSTIN-- State Senator Donna Campbell was named to the new Senate Select Committee on Transportation Funding by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. The committee is tasked with overseeing highway infrastructure improvements, including the 83 miles of roads targeted for conversion from paved to unpaved by TxDOT.

"Since taking office, I have made highway funding one of my top priorities. This summer we pushed through the biggest boost in highway funding in over a decade without raising taxes or tolls," Sen. Campbell said. "I look forward to working with other members on this influential committee to find further solutions to fix our roads and ensure Texans have the best and safest highways in the nation."

The new committee will be chaired by Tommy Williams and Robert Nichols, who currently chair both the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees. Other senators named to the panel are Kevin Eltife (R-Tyler), Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), Juan 'Chuy' Hinojosa (D-McAllen), Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills), Carlos Uresti (D-San Antonio), and Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo).

During the third special session, Sen. Campbell served as a co-author of SJR 1, which reallocates a portion of the oil and gas severance tax for road maintenance and construction. Current estimates project this funding at roughly \$1.2 billion a year if approved by voters next November. The money cannot be used on toll roads.

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State Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25, stretching across six counties from San Antonio to Austin. She is a practicing emergency room physician who resides in New Braunfels with her husband and the youngest of their four daughters.