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Edward G. Polasek, AICP
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City of Georgetown
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Dear Mr. Polasek,

I am responding to your letter addressed to Susana Ceballos, received April 14, 2016, regarding the Austin Avenue Bridge Inspection Report.

These bridges pose a unique situation since they were built on-system but became off-system structures relatively recently. This means they were built to the Texas Department of Transportation's specifications. The most recent bridge inspector was under the impression that since this was the case, the bridges should be evaluated as on-system structures. However, that is not correct since TxDOT load rating policy clearly states they should be evaluated as off-system structures. As such, they are still required to be load posted, however; **the most recent analysis supports raising the posting to 68,000 lbs. gross** and 34,000 lbs. tandem axle.

TxDOT will order the new load posting signs and let you know when they are ready to be picked up. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 832-7376 or at kathleen.newton@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen D. Newton, P.E.

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