

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LBJ EAST PROJECT; ENCOURAGING STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FULL FUNDING FOR THIS CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND TO ALLOW THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THE FREEDOM TO USE ALL TOOLS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP FOR THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING MANAGED TOLL LANES AND THE DESIGN/BUILD PROCUREMENT PROCESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation LBJ East Project for the reconstruction of IH-635 from US-75 to IH-30 includes the reconstruction of the IH-30 and IH-635 interchange; and

WHEREAS, this project has been designated as the highest priority project in north Texas by the Regional Transportation Council and would help alleviate the severe congestion that occurs on this segment of IH-635; and

WHEREAS, the current budget for the subject project is \$1.8 billion dollars of which \$1.15 billion has been identified; and

WHEREAS, initial funding plans included revenue from some managed toll lanes to close the funding gap; and

WHEREAS, in late 2017, the Texas Transportation Commission denied additional funding to the project due to the inclusion of managed toll lanes components in the project scope; and

WHEREAS, denied the use of revenue from managed toll lanes components, the LBJ East Project budget shortfall cannot be closed without sacrificing other much needed transportation projects in north Texas including two significant projects that impact the City of Mesquite (US-80 improvements east of Town East Boulevard and IH-30 from Bass Pro Drive to Dalrock Road); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, adopted a resolution supporting the reconstruction of IH-635 from US-75 to IH-30 in the 10-year Regional Unified Transportation Plan, and also adopted a resolution urging the 85th Texas Legislature to provide funding for the reconstruction of IH-635 east from US-75 to and including the IH-30 interchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council expresses support for the LBJ East Project and encourages state elected officials and the Texas Transportation Commission to:

- (a) provide immediate full funding for this critical transportation project; and
- (b) allow the Regional Transportation Council and the Texas Department of Transportation the freedom to use all tools at their disposal to close the funding gap for this project, including managed toll lanes and the design/build procurement process.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of February, 2018.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Sonja Land
City Secretary

B. J. Smith
City Attorney