

CITY OF MESQUITE

RESOLUTION NO. 39-68

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE ON MAY 20, 1968, REQUESTING COOPERATION FROM THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONCERNING MANY PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Highway Department, in the original construction of Interstate Highway 20, constructed a bridge at Gus Thomasson Road that was not in alignment with the existing major thoroughfare; creating the necessity for a dogleg intersection and the use of the service road as a two-way facility; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in 1960 concerning the construction of Interstate Highway 635 showing clover-leaf intersections at Interstate Highway 20 and Interstate Highway 30 and leaving the exit to the major thoroughfare of Gus Thomasson as originally planned on Interstate Highway 20; and

WHEREAS, during 1965 the City of Mesquite reviewed plans on the construction of Interstate Highway 635 which showed a change in the clover-leaf intersections to high-speed interchanges that eliminated the existing exits from Interstate Highway 20 to Gus Thomasson Road; at this time officials of the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Texas Highway Commission with a plea to save the only major thoroughfare in the City by not closing the Gus Thomasson Exit; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, without officially providing a definite answer to the City, the construction was started on this section of Interstate Highway 635; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Highway Department now contemplates changing the existing two-way traffic on all of the service roads to one way, thereby causing extreme hardships on the citizens of this community for inter-city travel by:

1. Causing southbound traffic on Gus Thomasson at Interstate Highway 20 to be rerouted to proceed on Gus Thomasson.
2. Causing businesses on the south service road of Interstate Highway 20 to lose any possible traffic movement from Gus Thomasson, and several of these businesses were in existence on Highway 80 before there was any contemplation of Interstate Highway 20.
3. Causing difficult access to the Mesquite Municipal Golf Course on the north service road of Interstate Highway 30 between Belt Line Road and Northwest Drive.

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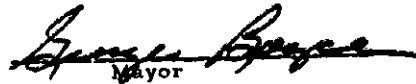
4. Causing other areas of extreme hardship due to the one-way nature of these service roads, especially as the traffic volume is very limited.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, requests the Texas Highway Department to reconsider their decisions and cooperate with the City of Mesquite so that the construction of Interstate Highways within this community can be a benefit, rather than an extreme hardship on the citizens of this City, the State of Texas, and the United States of America. The City Council will meet at any time, at any place, with representatives of the Texas Highway Department, Texas Highway Commission, or officials of the Federal Bureau of Roads to further discuss these problem areas. In the past the only apparent answer has been that this is a project of the Federal Government, and the rights of the individual citizens and the authority of the "home rule" city cannot prevail due to the regulations prepared by the Federal Bureau of Roads.

This resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, in a regular meeting on the 20th day of May, 1968.

ATTEST:


City Secretary


Mayor