

RESOLUTION NO. 10-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING GOVERNOR DOLPH BRISCOE AND MEMBERS OF THE 65TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO MEET THE BASIC HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS; AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Mesquite are concerned that state and federal highway construction and maintenance funds have remained for several years at an inadequate and declining level while costs have more than doubled since 1967, and

WHEREAS, the current highway funding crisis has resulted in a drastic reduction in the pace of improving the state highway system, and

WHEREAS, there is a backlog of \$11 billion in highway improvement projects and anticipated revenues for construction during the next 20 years of only \$1.9 billion, and

WHEREAS, all existing revenue will be needed by 1980 just to maintain the state highway system, with no funds available for upgrading obsolete roads and bridges or for new construction, and

WHEREAS, the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission has undertaken a thorough study of road improvement needs and revenues which will be required, and

WHEREAS, Texas highway user taxes - including the motor fuel tax and automobile registration fees - are the lowest in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the present inadequate funding level will adversely affect the state's economy, will result in increased unemployment, will contribute to continued death and destruction on Texas highways at a rate higher than the national average, and will result in higher costs for the movement of goods and people.

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

SECTION 1. That Governor Dolph Briscoe and members
of the 65th Texas Legislature convening in January, 1977, be
urged to provide adequate additional revenues to meet the basic
highway transportation needs of the people of Texas. Additional
revenue should be sufficient to restore highway funds eroded
by inflation and to recognize transportation as a high priority
responsibility of the state government.

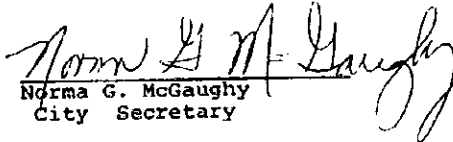
SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect
immediately upon passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of
Mesquite, Texas, on this the 3rd day of May, A.D., 1976.



Bob Beard
Mayor

ATTEST:



Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary