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RESOLUTION NO. 26-86

WHEREAS, Congress increased the federal fuel tax to 9 cents a gallon in the Surface Transportation Act of 1982; and,

WHEREAS, an amendment to that legislation sponsored by Senator Lloyd Bentsen provided equity to each state by guaranteeing a return of at least 85 percent of federal highway user taxes collected in that state; and

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of the Bentsen amendment, Texas was receiving less than 75 cents for each dollar paid into the Highway Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in the federal fuel tax and adoption of the 85 percent provision substantially increased the federal highway funds received by Texas; and

WHEREAS, the increased federal highway funds, together with additional state funds provided by the Legislature, are being used in a long overdue program to rehabilitate, improve, and expand the 72,000 mile Texas highway system; and,

WHEREAS, Congress is considering legislation to reauthorize federal highway and transit programs,

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

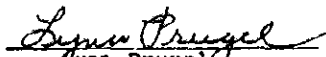
SECTION 1. Removes transportation trust funds from the Unified Federal Budget, allowing revenues from user fees to flow unimpeded to provide improvements in transportation facilities; authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to approve the Interstate Cost Estimate administratively; continues the present 85 percent minimum allocation; continues to dedicate all fuel tax revenues to the Highway Trust Fund; continues general revenue appropriations for transit capital outlays.

SECTION 2. That this resolution take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this 4th day of August, A.D., 1986.


Mrs. Brunhilde Nyatrom
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Prugel
City Secretary