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RESOLUTION NO. 20-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING THE DALLAS AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL) AND THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO CONFER AND AGREE UPON A PROCESS FOR PROCEEDING WITH DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECT THAT IS OPPOSED BY A MINORITY NUMBER OF THE AFFECTED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SELECTION OF A TECHNICALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

WHEREAS, there are thirty-eight (38) cities with a population over 3,000 in the four county area, and

WHEREAS, there are over forty (40) incorporated cities in the Dallas urbanized area, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Commission has a traditional policy against the development of a highway project through a local jurisdiction that is in opposition to the highway, and

WHEREAS, this traditional policy of the Commission allows a minority number of cities to block the development of a needed highway project that may have the support of a majority of the affected cities and other jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act expands and strengthens the role of metropolitan planning organizations in the selection of highway projects and their development, and

WHEREAS, it is inappropriate, unfair, and harmful to the region's economic welfare when the mobility needs of an estimated 2.6 million residents can be thwarted by jurisdictions representing a very small percentage of the affected population.

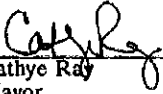
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Dallas area Metropolitan Planning Organization (Regional Transportation Council) and the Texas Transportation Commission are encouraged to confer and agree upon a process for proceeding with development of a multijurisdictional highway project that is opposed by a minority number of the affected local jurisdictions subsequent to appropriate public involvement and selection of a technically preferred alternative.

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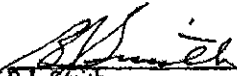
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on this 18th day of July, 1994.

  
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Cathye Ray  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
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Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary

  
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B.J. Smith  
City Attorney