

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING CITY/HISTORICAL COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1995.

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) establishes a new vision for transportation and its components in America; and

WHEREAS, it is a vision of a transportation system and its enhancements that contributes to the livelihood of our community and the quality and aesthetics of our environment; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program of the Texas Department of Transportation is a program that mirrors both the spirit and intent of the ISTEA legislation providing funding for a variety of transportation-related activities, integrating historic preservation activities and acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites; and

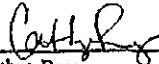
WHEREAS, the motoring public, the citizens of Mesquite and the many tourists that come through the community will benefit from participation by the City of Mesquite in the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

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


SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby supports Mesquite Historical Commission participation in the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program through the sponsorship of the proposed projects described in Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. That the City Council will provide for a twenty-percent local participation funding match for the proposed projects described in Exhibit 1.

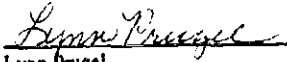
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4th day of December, 1995.


Cathye Ray
Mayor

APPROVED:


B.J. Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:


Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

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EXHIBIT I
20 PERCENT MATCHING FUND PROJECTS
ISTEA PROGRAM

Project Name: Land acquisition/restoration of historic S.D. Lawrence property.

Project Outcome:

1. To restore this vital property built approximately 119 years ago by one of the community's founding families,
2. To acquire enough of the land (approximately eight acres more than the two acres plus house willed to the City of Mesquite) to develop a historic park for more structures saved from destruction;
3. To reconstruct the historic Texas and Pacific Railroad depot originally built in 1873 but destroyed by the railroad in the 1970s;
4. To utilize the park for a visitor's center, a beginning site for a driving tour of the historic sites in the City of Mesquite, and a museum of the Mesquite Historical Commission, documenting the railroad's history, as well as founding families' history, photographs and documents.

Project Estimates: To come from City and/or historical restorer architects. The ISTEA Program would allow the Mesquite Historical Commission and the City of Mesquite to make great strides in bringing the project outcomes to fruition for the additional tourism which already makes a very positive impact on the community, the education of Mesquite's youth in order to instill a sense of pride and citizenship, and the preservation of historic lands and properties that are all too few today.