

RESOLUTION NO. 28-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE I.H. 635 (LBJ) CORRIDOR FROM LUNA ROAD TO U.S. 80.

WHEREAS, the LBJ Freeway is a critical transportation facility and key to the economic health of the corridor it directly serves, the City of Mesquite, and the North Texas Region; and

WHEREAS, recurrent traffic congestion adversely affects the citizens of the City of Mesquite that use the LBJ Freeway; and

WHEREAS, the LBJ Executive Board, with broad political and community representation, has guided this project through the Major Investment Study (MIS) Process to arrive at a community-based consensus; and

WHEREAS, a broad range of transportation alternatives have been carefully examined and a recommendation has been prepared by the LBJ Executive Board for detailed study in the planning phase; and

WHEREAS, the Major Investment Study process is nearing completion and support from local governments and transportation agencies is needed to include the project in the Regional Transportation Plan and to move it into the planning phase; and

WHEREAS, the planning phase will provide answers to the detailed environmental, design, and cost questions that need to be answered before implementation can begin; and

WHEREAS, public involvement will continue to be a critical part of the process during the planning phase; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite will participate in the planning phase and have an opportunity to act on the final recommendation prior to implementation; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of critically needed locally identified access improvements is contingent on the successful completion of the planning phase of the project;

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite supports the recommendation documented in the LBJ Executive Board report entitled "Recommendation Report to Designate a Preliminary Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for Improvements to the I.H. 635 (LBJ) Corridor from Luna Road to U.S. 80."

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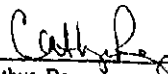
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SECTION 2. That the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is strongly encouraged to incorporate this recommendation into the Regional Transportation Plan, and that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Texas Transportation Commission are strongly urged to support the recommendation and move the project into the planning phase.

SECTION 3. That the referenced report be a guiding document for development of design schematics, environmental studies, staging and funding during the planning phase.

SECTION 4. That the Texas Department of Transportation is encouraged to pursue all opportunities for accelerating this project including segmenting the project into logical, constructable sections so that less complex sections of the project will not be delayed by more complex sections of the project.

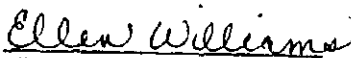
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of September, 1996.



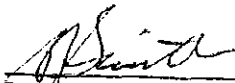
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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



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City Secretary



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City Attorney