

RESOLUTION NO. 03-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, REQUESTING AND URGING IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. HIGHWAY 80 IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT FURTHER ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

WHEREAS, the majority of U.S. Highway 80 was designed and constructed prior to 1960 and has remained virtually unchanged for nearly 40 years, and

WHEREAS, design criteria and safety standards for major highways have changed dramatically over that 40 year period to enhance traffic safety, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 80 has been and continues to be a major link between East Texas and the central core of Dallas, carrying substantially more traffic than the more recently constructed Interstate Highway 20 through Mesquite, and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on U.S. Highway 80 through Mesquite have increased over 25 percent in the past 10 years, and the numbers and severity of accidents has been cause for increasing concerns, and

WHEREAS, in the period between September, 1993 and January, 1997 there have been a total of 455 accidents along U.S. Highway 80, and

WHEREAS, in the past five years fourteen of the traffic accidents occurring along the portion of U.S. Highway 80 which passes through Mesquite have resulted in seventeen traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, current traffic safety concerns and the enhancement of traffic safety along U.S. Highway 80 in Mesquite are of the utmost importance to the City of Mesquite.

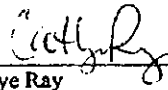
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas requests and strongly urges the Texas Department of Transportation to give immediate attention to current traffic safety concerns and to undertake improvements that will result in enhanced traffic safety for motorists traveling on U.S. Highway 80 in Mesquite.

Section 2. That the Texas Department of Transportation be urged to give priority to funding and scheduling of any and all such improvements that can be undertaken in the interest of enhancing traffic safety on U.S. Highway 80 in Mesquite.

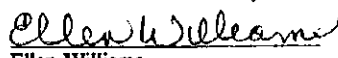
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Duly Resolved by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on this the 3rd day of February, 1997.




Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith
City Attorney