

RESOLUTION NO. 06-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE BYRD-GRAMM AMENDMENT NO. 1397 TO S. 1173, THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1997, TO PROVIDE NEEDED INCREASES IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the nation's transportation infrastructure plays an integral part in the nation's economy and the Texas transportation system is a key component of the national network; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has reported that the nation's transportation network is in dire need of a substantial increase in the level of financial investment to bring the system up to standards for safe and efficient operation and to meet expanding transportation demands; and

WHEREAS, providing all states and the nation as a whole with the benefits of mobility and economic prosperity and ensuring an effective connection between the vital Texas transportation system and that of the rest of the nation requires steadfast support for the nation's transportation network as we enter the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs represents a critical opportunity to ensure that federal transportation funds provided to support the nation's transportation network are sufficient to support an effective response to the true needs of a modern transportation system; and

WHEREAS, historically Texas has been a donor state, receiving a return of seventy-seven cents on the dollar for transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate's reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, will guarantee a return of eighty-three cents on the dollar for Transportation and Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1397, known as the Byrd-Gramm Amendment, to S. 1173, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997, was introduced in the Senate on October 22, 1997 by Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia and Senator Phil Gramm of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of S.1173 as amended by the Byrd-Gramm Amendment would authorize the use of an additional \$6.1 billion per year from the Highway Account of the Federal Highway Trust Fund for highway infrastructure, making an additional \$30.9 billion in contract authority available for highways during a five-year period; and

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WHEREAS, the increases in federal funding support for surface transportation provided by the Byrd-Grumm Amendment are fully funded through federal motor fuel tax revenues recently redirected to the Highway Trust Fund by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997; and

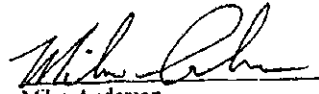
WHEREAS, the Byrd-Grumm Amendment, by way of revenue from the 4.3 cent per gallon motor fuel tax, will provide an additional \$1.9 billion in added highway and infrastructure funding for Texas.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Mesquite, supports the efforts represented by the Byrd-Grumm Amendment to provide needed increases in federal funding for surface transportation.

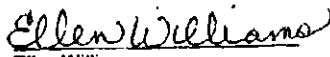
SECTION 2. The City of Mesquite, encourages the Texas Congressional Delegation, and members of the Texas transportation community to support and work toward the successful adoption of the principles included in that Amendment.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, 1998.


Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Ellen Williams
City Secretary


B.J. Smith
City Attorney