

RESOLUTION NO. 13-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REAUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT A MINIMUM NINETY PER CENT RETURN TO THE STATES FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) expired on September 30, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the nation's transportation infrastructure plays an integral part in Mesquite's economy; 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, 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, both the U.S. House of Representatives' BESTEA legislation and the U.S. Senate's ISTEA II contain language for a 90 cents on the dollar guaranteed return on highway formula programs for Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that the funding return to Texas as provided in the ISTEA II legislation is 87 cents per every dollar and that the funding return to Texas as provided in the BESTEA legislation is 82 cents per every dollar contributed by Texas to the Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Texas, the North Central Texas region, and the City of Mesquite need a valid and certain 90 percent return on the total highway program in order to keep pace with the projected increases in both population and vehicular travel demand in our state, region, and city.

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

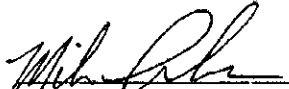
SECTION 1. The City of Mesquite applauds the continuous efforts by members of both the House and the Senate in supporting legislation that increases the nation's investment in transportation infrastructure over the next six (6) years.

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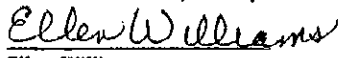
SECTION 2. The City of Mesquite continues to support federal transportation legislation that guarantees a 90 percent return on the total highway program and a 90 cent return to Texas for every dollar Texas contributes to the Highway Trust Fund.

SECTION 3. The City of Mesquite strongly encourages the House-Senate Conference Committee on Transportation Funding to guarantee a 90 percent return on the total highway program and a 90 cent return to Texas for every dollar Texas contributes to the Highway Trust Fund.

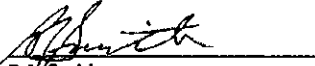
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 6th day of April, 1998.


Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:


B.J. Smith
City Attorney