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RESOLUTION NO. 53-2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2001, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION CREATING THE TEXAS MOBILITY FUND AND AUTHORIZING GRANTS AND LOANS OF MONEY AND ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR FINANCING OF MOBILITY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite is concerned about the lack of sufficient funding for mobility projects within eastern Dallas County, the region and entire State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite continues to support and participate with transportation advocacy groups within the region in an effort to gain support for a number of projects, several of which are backlogged or have no designated construction date due to a lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite supports increased funding to accelerate project development and completion of major mobility improvements, recognizing that the continued economic viability and quality of life of the region is at stake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite recognizes additional resources must be developed to adequately fund projects throughout Texas; and

WHEREAS, the mobility and safety needs of urban and rural areas in Texas require a major investment, the level of which may be reached by issuance of bonds to move mobility projects to the forefront and greater participation by Texas Department of Transportation in toll road development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite in participation through the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition actively encouraged legislative action during the 77th Texas Legislative Session to address transportation funding shortfalls.

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

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That Proposition No. 15 on the November 6, 2001, Constitutional Amendment Ballot, a Constitutional Amendment "creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects," is hereby enthusiastically endorsed for passage.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That this recommendation shall be communicated to the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, area communities, chambers of commerce, the media, the Texas

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Legislative Delegation and other appointed and elected officials for consideration and encouragement to support passage of Proposition No. 15 to "Keep Texas Moving."

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of October, 2001.

/Mike Anderson Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ellen Williams City Secretary

APPROVED:

B. J. Smith City Attorney