

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CLEARLY STATING THE CITY'S SUPPORT TO THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN SOLUTION KNOWN AS "OPTION 3" DEVELOPED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2001, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGN CHARETTE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has determined that improvements are needed to improve traffic flow along Interstate 635; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT has divided these proposed improvements into three sections: the "West Section" being from Luna Road to U.S. Highway 75, the "East Section" being from U.S. Highway 75 to Town East Boulevard and the "Mesquite Section" being from Town East Boulevard to U.S. Highway 80; and

WHEREAS, the "East Section" in the City of Mesquite is defined as the section of Interstate 635 between La Prada Drive and Town East Boulevard including the interchange with Interstate 30; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has access concerns related to Town East Boulevard; namely, the interrelationship between the design of the Interstate 635 and Interstate 30 interchange and the accessibility of Town East Boulevard from both Interstate 635 and Interstate 30; and

WHEREAS, the Town East Retail and Restaurant Area (TERRA) is a tremendous asset and major revenue generator for the City of Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, scores of businesses in TERRA and represented by the Concerned Businesses of TERRA (CBT) have stated their strong opposition to any changes which negatively impact access along Interstate 635 between Interstate 30 and U. S. Highway 80; and

WHEREAS, drive time and accessibility are major factors in determining where customers choose to take their business; and

WHEREAS, the current TxDOT interchange design between Interstate 635 and Interstate 30 does not provide for direct access to and from eastbound and westbound Interstate 30 to Town East Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the current TxDOT Interstate 635 and Interstate 30 interchange design will adversely affect businesses in TERRA by not allowing direct access from Interstate 30 to Town East Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the prosperity of businesses in TERRA, the City of Mesquite must be an integral part of the process of said improvements and monitor the effects of such construction on the businesses in TERRA; and

WHEREAS, numerous businesses, public entities, the CBT and individuals have expressed great concern over the negative impact of the TxDOT current design of the Interstate

635 and Interstate 30 interchange on numerous businesses and other interests of the City of Mesquite caused in part by the limitation of access to Town East Boulevard businesses by the present interchange design; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite passed Resolution No. 14-2001 on April 16, 2001, insisting TxDOT develop a solution to provide direct access to Town East Boulevard between Interstate 635 and both eastbound and westbound Interstate 30; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT held a Design Charette meeting on September 21, 2001, with the City of Mesquite and CBT to determine a solution to provide direct access to Town East Boulevard from Interstate 635 and eastbound and westbound Interstate 30; and

WHEREAS, a solution was developed at the September 21, 2001, Design Charette meeting and evaluated and presented as an acceptable schematic design at a meeting held on October 26, 2001, with the same group of attendees from the previous Design Charette meeting.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite hereby adopts this resolution to clearly state the City's position to maintain access to the Town East Retail and Restaurant Area (TERRA) businesses, schools and establishments.

SECTION 2. That the City of Mesquite insists on direct access to Town East Boulevard along Interstate 635 and to both eastbound and westbound Interstate 30.

SECTION 3. That the City of Mesquite strongly supports the schematic design solution known as "Option 3" that was developed during the September 21, 2001, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Design Charette, which modifies the current TxDOT interchange design and includes the following:

- (1) Provides an additional ramp to the eastbound/westbound Interstate 30 direct connector to provide access to Town East Boulevard as an exit ramp to the southbound collector distributor road;
- (2) Shifts the LBJ Mesquite Section Towne Centre Drive exit ramp south to maintain/improve the merge/weave distance with respect to the eastbound/westbound Interstate 30 direct connection ramp to Interstate 635;
- (3) Adds a westbound Gus Thomason Road by-pass ramp to facilitate movement of Town East Boulevard traffic returning to westbound Interstate 30; and
- (4) Adds an eastbound Galloway Avenue by-pass ramp to facilitate movement of Town East Boulevard traffic returning to eastbound Interstate 30.

SECTION 4. That the City of Mesquite will oppose any plan that does not provide direct access to Town East Boulevard from Interstate 635 and eastbound and westbound Interstate 30.

SECTION 5. That the City of Mesquite agrees to work with the Dallas District of TxDOT and all other public and private entities necessary to accomplish these objectives.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of February, 2002.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney