

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE EXPEDITIOUS DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST SECTION IMPROVEMENTS OF THE LBJ FREEWAY PROJECT AT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 635 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 30 AS DETERMINED THROUGH THE DESIGN CHARETTE TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MESQUITE SECTION PUBLIC HEARING.

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

WHEREAS, TxDOT has identified the East Section of the LBJ Project being from U. S. Highway 75 to Interstate Highway 30 including the interchange of Interstate Highway 635 with Interstate Highway 30; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite (City) recognizes the importance of the East Section to solving regional issues of safety, mobility and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the interchange of Interstate Highway 635 and Interstate Highway 30 has been the subject of intensive review by the City and the Concerned Businesses of the Town East Retail and Restaurant Area (CBT) and is known as "The Project"; and

WHEREAS, "The Project" is a result of a Design Charette held on September 21, 2001, and is fully supported by the City and the CBT; and

WHEREAS, "The Project" is the largest improvement in the East Section; and

WHEREAS, "The Project" is critical to the ultimate goals of TxDOT, the region, the City and the CBT; and

WHEREAS, the designation of funding for major projects is best achieved by separating those projects from other improvements.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council fully supports the East Section Improvements of the LBJ Project.

SECTION 2. That the City Council fully supports the design, engineering and construction of "The Project" as agreed following the September 21, 2001, Design Charette to be presented at the Mesquite Section Public Hearing on May 7, 2002.

SECTION 3. That the City Council fully supports and encourages the Congressional earmarking of funds in the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA-21) for "The Project."

SECTION 4. That the City of Mesquite (City) will enter into a financial partnership, in a manner similar to that of the Towne Centre Project, with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and other regional, state and federal agencies to obtain funding for "The Project."

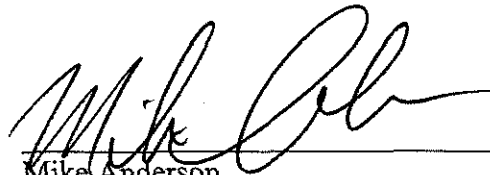
SECTION 5. That the City Council will assist and support the efforts by TxDOT, the CBT and the RTC to separate "The Project" in order for it to be independent of other improvements and schedules along the East Section.

SECTION 6. That the City Council will use all means necessary to cause "The Project" to be expeditiously designed, engineered and constructed.

SECTION 7. That the City Council urges all involved parties to meet on a regular basis to move "The Project" towards completion and to monitor its progress.


SECTION 8. That the City Council supports the designation of "The Project" as a High Priority Interchange.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite on the 7th day of May, 2002.




Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney