

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A  
MULTI-COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, House Bill 2702 as passed by the 79th Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a multi-county Regional Transit System Review Committee to conduct public hearings regarding, and study the implications of, implementing regional transit service in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite (the "City") lies within a "non-attainment area" as defined by the Federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, the City is not a member of an existing transit authority; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City commute daily to other areas within Dallas, Collin and Kaufman Counties and have expressed an interest in rail transit; and

WHEREAS, the major freeways and arterial streets are heavily congested during the peak commuting hours; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that freeway congestion is more than a local issue because it adversely affects citizen health and the economic vitality of the region and State; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 24, 2005, locally elected Senators and Representatives requested the City's position regarding a Regional Rail Authority.

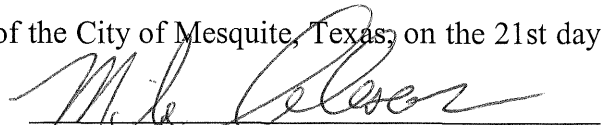
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite (the "City") endorses the North Central Texas Council of Governments' existing and proposed Regional Mobility Initiatives to reduce the number of future freeway lanes needed for commuters through a regional rail system.


SECTION 2. That the City strongly supports the creation of a Regional Rail Authority as a means to address the need for rail transit within the region.

SECTION 3. That the City strongly encourages its elected State representatives to work with our locally elected officials to seek creative solutions to funding rail transit within the region.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of November, 2005.

  
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Mike Anderson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Womack  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney