

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING A LEGISLATIVE POSITION  
ON THE RAIL NORTH TEXAS INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (“RTC”), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite, a home rule city, is a member of the RTC; and

WHEREAS, the RTC has advocated for additional transportation funding and flexibility for over 10 years, with a special focus on identifying additional funding to construct and operate a seamless regional rail system for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the Rail North Texas effort has been a bottom-up process to include local elected officials, business leaders, the public and State legislators, and has resulted in a specific legislative proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite supports the construction and operation of a seamless regional rail system to improve air quality, the quality of life for its citizens and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, new sources of revenue are necessary to construct and operate a seamless regional rail system.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite supports legislative authority to create a Transportation Funding Area (“TFA”) for the purpose of levying taxes or fees, subject to a local option election, in order to generate revenue to fund regional rail.

SECTION 2. That the City of Mesquite supports flexibility and local control in the implementation of Rail North Texas in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

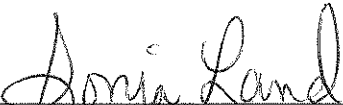
SECTION 3. That this resolution will be transmitted to the Texas legislative delegation and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, 2009.

  
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John Monaco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sonja Land  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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B. J. Smith  
City Attorney