

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF THE IH-635 AND IH-30 INTERCHANGE IN THE 10-YEAR REGIONAL UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite provided over \$9 million in local contribution towards the reconstruction of the Towne Centre Drive and Town East Boulevard interchanges with IH-635, which were the first two phases of the IH-635 Project completed in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has been a cooperative and supportive partner on all regional freeway projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite has been an active participant in the technical development of the LBJ East Project and East Corridor (IH-30 and US Highway 80) Project; and

WHEREAS, the draft 10-year Regional Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) was presented to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) at the RTC meeting on November 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the UTP guides the funding for major transportation projects through 2026; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan proposes to break the LBJ East Project into four segments and specifically omits the IH-635 and IH-30 Interchange; and

WHEREAS, funding of the LBJ East Project from US 75 to the Royal/Miller interchange is dependent upon active participation of the private sector through a Comprehensive Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the RTC is scheduled to consider the 10-year UTP at its December 8, 2016, meeting; and

WHEREAS, failure to include improvements for the IH-635 and IH-30 interchange in the 10-year UTP will adversely affect air quality and increase congestion along IH-635, IH-30 and nearby arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, failure to include improvements for the IH-635 and IH-30 interchange in the 10-year UTP may also adversely impact the City of Mesquite's retail and restaurant areas thereby reducing sales tax revenue upon which the City depends to provide services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the IH-635 and IH-30 Interchange experiences heavy truck traffic and is a key link in the NAFTA Corridor.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite supports inclusion of improvements to the IH-65 and IH-30 Interchange in the 10-year Regional Unified Transportation Plan and development of a comprehensive approach toward the reconstruction of the interchange.

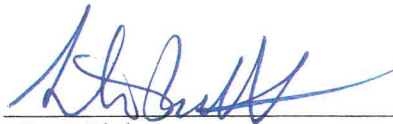
SECTION 2. That the City of Mesquite supports a public-private partnership and the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement to fund critical segments of the LBJ East Project.

SECTION 3. That the City of Mesquite supports the funding of improvements to the IH-635 and IH-30 Interchange using Category 12 funds from the \$300 million Dallas County Contingency or funds from other categories.

SECTION 4. That this resolution will be transmitted to the Regional Transportation Council to consider for its December 8, 2016, meeting.

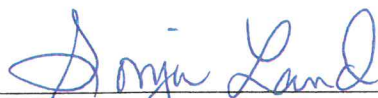
SECTION 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to the City's legislative delegation for consideration during the 85th session of the Texas Legislature.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 21st day of November, 2016.



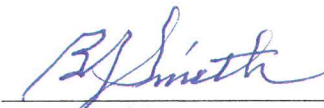
Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:



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City Secretary

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City Attorney