

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

RESOLUTION: COLLIN COUNTY'S SUPPORT
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION
COMMRS. COURT

On March 24, 1997, the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, met in special session with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Ron Harris
Phyllis Cole
Jerry Hoagland
Joe Jaynes
Jack Hatchell NOT PRESENT

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

During such session the court considered the adoption of a resolution in support of the Texas Department of Transportation requesting the 75th Legislature to take immediate action to correct the problem of inadequate highway funding.

WHEREAS, Texas requires additional funds to maintain and expand its 77,000 miles of state-maintained highways, some 78 percent of which are in need of repair, replacement or modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has reported that more than half of the approved, cost-effective and needed road and bridge projects cannot be funded over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the continued economic growth of Texas, along with the quality of life of its citizens, is imperiled by allowing our excellent road and bridge network to fall below the state's traditional standards; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, more than \$2.5 billion have been diverted from the highway fund and spent on non-highway programs, contrary to the expressed will of state voters, above and beyond the 25 percent of gas tax revenues dedicated to schools; and

WHEREAS, the people of Texas expect their state representatives to be responsive to the absolute necessity of protecting our state's \$100 billion investment in its roads and bridges.

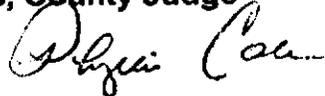
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, requests that the 75th Texas Legislature take immediate action to correct the problem of inadequate highway funding by:

- First:** Taking steps to reverse the trend of diverting highway funds from construction and maintenance to other uses;
- Second:** Moving to reduce the growing backlog of unfunded highway construction and maintenance projects by assuring adequate funding for those uses;
- Third:** Providing permanent legislative safeguards against the gradual encroachment on dedicated gasoline tax funds for non-highway uses and the resulting deterioration of Texas' precious, first-rate road and bridge system.
- Fourth:** Allowing no diversion of these funds from the Texas Department of Transportation.

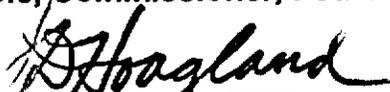
Adopted this 24th day of March, 1997.



Ron Harris, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2



Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3

NOT PRESENT

Jack Hatchell, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Helen Starnes, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, T E X A S

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