

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Resolution, Supporting Improvements to Interstate 35 East – Commissioners Court

On **February 21, 2011**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self
Matt Shaheen
Cheryl Williams
Joe Jaynes
Duncan Webb**

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

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution supporting a request for improvements to Interstate 35 East as designed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to be fully funded and implemented for the full project length from Interstate Highway 635 in Dallas County to U.S. Highway 380 in Denton County.

WHEREAS, the interstate highway system has a positive economic impact in Texas and Interstate Highway 35 particularly is one of the nation's most important interstate routes for international trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS, traffic volume has increased geometrically as cities along Interstate 35 have prospered and become economic centers of national importance; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 East (I-35E) has been designated as an international trade route for commerce; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 35 was an original Interstate Highway 492 miles in length approved by the Texas State Highway Commission in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 35 has been designated by the United States Congress as a National High Priority Corridor – Corridor 23; and

WHEREAS, I-35E, from Interstate Highway 635 in Dallas to U.S. Highway 380 in Denton, is approximately 28 miles long with an average vehicle count of 175,000 to 200,000 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, 2030 traffic projections estimate I-35E traffic exceeding 330,000 vehicles per day in its most congested areas; and

WHEREAS, the current I35-E Design Schematics and Interstate Access Justification were approved by FHWA on October 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the current I-35E design plans provide for the construction of four general purpose lanes and three access road lanes in each direction, which combined a total of fourteen (14) lanes, for which no toll will be assessed; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant public involvement during the development of the I-35E design process, including multiple public meetings and forums; and

WHEREAS, for more than ten years TxDOT has worked closely with local elected officials, 3206203.1/SP/23149/0101/011911 stakeholders, and communities of interest along I-35 on the planned improvements; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the I-35E improvement project, which is divided into three segments covering 28 miles, is projected to be \$4.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, Denton County has pledged its Regional Toll Revenue in the amount of \$535 million, in addition to voter-approved County Road Bond funds in the amount of \$55 million, to help finance the completion of the entire I-35E project; and

WHEREAS, I-35E environmental clearance and the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact are expected in the first quarter of 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:

Section 1. The County supports improvements to Interstate Highway 35 East from Interstate Highway 635 to U.S. State Highway 380 in the interest of keeping pace with the expanding commerce and traffic through that corridor.

Section 2. The County joins with the other political subdivisions adjacent to and along the I-35E corridor in supporting the ongoing public involvement in said improvements for the benefit of all stakeholders and communities benefiting from this project.

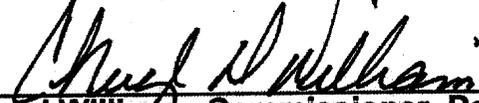
Adopted this 21st day of February, 2011.



Keith Self, County Judge



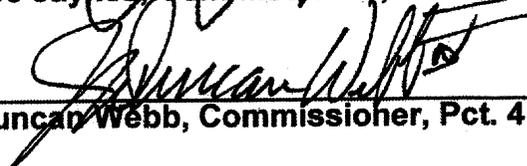
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ATTEST:



Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S