

WHEREAS, the “double” connection of FM 2551 to FM 2514 has been identified as a safety and traffic problem for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parker, Collin County and the Texas Department of Transportation agreed on an alignment to provide a single connection of FM 2551 with FM 2514; and

WHEREAS, the Collin County 2007 Bond Program allocated design funds for FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170; and

WHEREAS, On November 15, 2010, Federal Highway Administration originally issued the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for FM 2551 from FM 544 to FM 2170 based on the proposed alignment and further stipulated that the proposed alignment best met the need and purpose of the project with the least mitigation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parker approved the plat for the Southridge Estates Addition Phase I, including the dedication of right-of-way for the future alignment of FM 2551 in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Parker approved the preliminary plat for the Reserve at Southridge subdivision including the dedication of right-of-way for the future alignment of FM 2551 in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) allocated Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds for the FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170 project; and

WHEREAS, traffic projections indicate that by 2035, the traffic on FM 2514 between the two connections with FM 2551 will exceed the capacity of a six-lane thoroughfare due to the double use of FM 2514 for both east-west traffic on FM 2514 and the north-south traffic on FM 2551; and

WHEREAS, improved traffic mobility in this region will support economic development, improve air quality, advance traffic safety, and generally enhance the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Collin County and stakeholder cities are proceeding through the re-evaluation of the Environmental Assessment document and desire (1) the issuance of a FONSI at the earliest possible date and (2) the construction of the FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2551 project to enhance mobility in the region and achieve the resulting economic and social benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY

1. Urges the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and subsequent environmental approval, as soon as practical, for the FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170 project.
2. Affirms its support of the FM 2551 from FM 2514 to FM 2170 proposed project.