

Resolution

Supporting the voter-approved state constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales tax revenues for transportation funding

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature overwhelmingly approved **Senate Joint Resolution 5** in May 2015, allowing Texas voters to decide on a Constitutional Amendment that dedicated a portion of the state's general sales tax to the State Highway Fund for use on non-tolled projects over the next 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Voters approved **Proposition 7** by eighty-three percent (eighty-seven percent in Collin County) in November 2015, to dedicate this badly needed stream of funding for the state's public roadways and bridges; and,

WHEREAS, The **Constitutional Amendment** allowed up to **\$2.5 billion** in state sales tax revenue to be annually directed to the Texas Department of Transportation State Highway Fund; and,

WHEREAS, In combination with a previous voter-approved Constitutional Amendment in 2014 that allowed a portion of oil and gas tax revenues to be deposited in the **State Highway Fund**, these measures could generate upwards of \$5 billion to shore up transportation funding for a roadway system clearly straining from years of neglect as the state's population continues its robust growth; and,

WHEREAS, Both Voters and Legislatures have consistently agreed these measures are long overdue and essential to the continued growth and economic viability of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of the Collin County Commissioners Court give their unanimous support and agreement that members of the Texas Legislature uphold overwhelming mandates by Texas Voters to support the maintenance and expansion of their road and bridge system, and oppose any attempts to siphon or divert these badly funds away from our vital transportation infrastructure.