

RESOLUTION 2009-08

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is the only Freeway Class Facility connecting the Dallas / Forth Worth, Waco, Killeen / Temple, Austin and San Antonio Metropolitan Areas and,

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway 35 corridor is one of the fastest growing regions within the United States where the population is expected to double within 40 years and,

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway 35 corridor plays a vital role in the movement of freight and cargo critical to the economies of the United States, Mexico, Canada and Texas and,

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on Interstate Highway 35 have consistently doubled every 20 years and,

WHEREAS, heavy truck percentages exceed 30% on most portions of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls and Bell Counties and,

WHEREAS, the section of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls, and Bell Counties are the last sections without 6 main lanes and continuous one-way frontage roads between the IH-35 E and IH-35 W split in Hillsboro and the San Antonio Metroplex and,

WHEREAS, several portions of Interstate Highway 35 within Hill, McLennan, Falls, and Bell Counties were designed in the 1950's and built on top of road bases constructed in the 1930's and,

WHEREAS, the section of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West does not meet current design standards for Interstate Highways and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization has identified the reconstruction and widening of all sections of Interstate Highway 35 within McLennan County as the top regional priority within the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West has received environmental clearance and will be ready for construction prior to September 30, 2011 and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has verified that, if funded, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West can be completed in 2013 and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West is entirely located within McLennan County, Texas, which has been identified as an Economically Disadvantaged County.

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

That the City of Lacy Lakeview has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability to the City of Lacy Lakeview.

That the City of Lacy Lakeview strongly supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

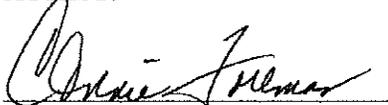
That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 31st day of August, 2009



Calvin Hodde, Mayor
City of Lacy Lakeview, Texas

ATTEST:



Connie Foreman
City Secretary, City of Lacy Lakeview

**RESOLUTION of the
McLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
of McLennan County, Texas:**

That the McLennan County Commissioners Court has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability of the (McLennan County); and

That the McLennan County Commissioners Court supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program; and

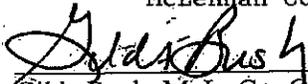
That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of Sept, 2009



JIM LEWIS, McLennan County Judge

ATTEST: J.A. "Andy" Harwell,
McLennan County Clerk



Deputy, Gilda Bush, McL. Co. Clerk

FILED: SEP 08 2009

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas
By GILDA BUSH DEPUTY

RESOLUTION 2009-1

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Ross, Texas:

That the has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability to the Ross, Texas.

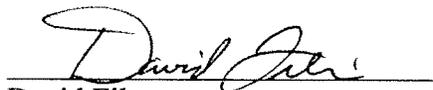
That the City Council of Ross, Texas supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

That it is hearby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of September, 2009


James L. Jaska, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


David Filer
City Secretary



September 11, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Re: TIGER Application for IH-35: From North Loop 340 in Waco to FM 1858 in West

Dear Mr. Saenz:

Reconstructing and expanding Interstate 35 is our Greater Waco Chamber's highest priority for state highway construction.

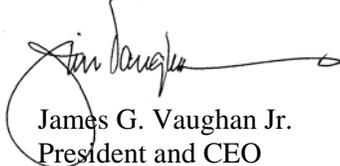
The uncompleted and unfunded sections of IH-35 between Hillsboro and Salado represent a significant bottleneck and safety hazard for our region, the state and nation!

Our District Engineer, Richard Skopik, has advised us that the section between North Loop 340 in Waco and FM 1858 in West will soon be ready for construction but that the project cannot begin until funding is secured.

We are encouraged that you are preparing an application for funding through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program and we are optimistic that our project will be approved.

Please add our Chamber to the list of organizations, local officials, businesses and community leaders that support TIGER funding for this important project and let me know if there are other ways we can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Vaughan", with a large circular flourish at the end.

James G. Vaughan Jr.
President and CEO

cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E.
Waco District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation

September 10, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: TIGER Application for IH-35: North Loop 340 to FM 1858

Dear Mr. Saenz:

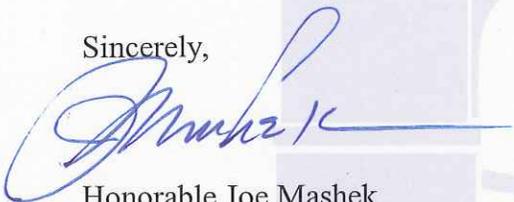
The reconstruction and widening of Interstate 35 through McLennan County has consistently been the top regional transportation priority for the Waco MPO, as identified within the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Furthermore, the Waco MPO Policy Board has on two separate occasions identified the section between North Loop 340 and FM 1858 as the most important 'shovel-ready' project within the region.

On behalf of the MPO Policy Board, please accept this letter as our support for your application for funds through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery program for the aforementioned section of Interstate 35.

In addition, I would also like to express our regions sincere appreciation for TxDOT's efforts in preparing and submitting this application to the US DOT.

If you have any questions or need assistance in the preparation of this application, please contact Christopher Evilia, AICP, MPO Director, at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Honorable Joe Mashek
Commissioner – McLennan County
Chair – Waco MPO Policy Board

ce:JM

cc: Richard J. Skopik, P.E. – Waco District Engineer

City of Bellmead
City of Beverly Hills
City of Bruceville-Eddy
City of Crawford
City of Gholson
City of Hallsburg
City of Hewitt
City of Lacy-Lakeview
City of Leroy
City of Lorena
City of Mart
City of McGregor
City of Moody
City of Riesel
City of Robinson
City of Ross
City of Waco
City of West
City of Woodway
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RESOLUTION 2009-471

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WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has verified that, if funded, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West will be completed prior to February 17, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West is entirely located within McLennan County, Texas, which has been identified as an Economically Disadvantaged County.

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

That the City of Waco has identified the reconstruction and widening of Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West as critical to the future economic viability of the City of Waco.

That the City of Waco supports the application for funds by the Texas Department of Transportation to reconstruct and widen Interstate Highway 35 between Lacy-Lakeview and West under the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery program.

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meetings at which this resolution is passed are open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meetings were given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 1st day of September, 2009



Patricia W. Ervin
Patricia W. Ervin, City Secretary

Virginia DuPuy
Virginia DuPuy, Mayor
City of Waco, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

Leah Hayes
for Leah Hayes, City Attorney



September 15, 2009

Mr. Amadeo Saenz Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E 11th St
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Re: TIGER Application for IH-35: From North Loop 340 in Waco to FM 1858 in West

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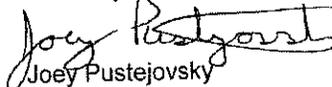
The needed reconstruction and expansion of Interstate 35 that remains unfunded between Hillsboro and Salado in the Waco district is one of the most important transportation priorities for Texas. IH 35 is the primary highway corridor in Texas for NAFTA related truck traffic. In addition, this section of IH 35 contributes to unacceptable travel delays between Dallas and San Antonio on a frequent basis even in rural areas. This congestion along with a 1950's highway design contributes to a crash rate nearly double that experienced on similar facilities within Texas. Additionally, this is the last section of IH-35 between San Antonio and Dallas - Fort Worth that has not been widened to six lanes.

A portion of this Salado to Hillsboro section of IH-35, specifically between North Loop 340 in Waco and FM 1858 in West will soon be ready for construction, should funds become available. I wish to express my wholehearted support for TxDOT's efforts in submitting an application for this portion of IH-35 through the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program.

Local officials, business leaders and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have and continue to strongly support and prioritize the expansion of IH-35 to six lanes as the highest need in the region. Let me close by saying thanks to the Department for your efforts in preparing this application and seeking every possible way to fund this much needed improvement.

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance from my office, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Joey Pustejovsky
City Secretary

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