

RESOLUTION NO. 25-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BURNET REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON A
PROPOSED BURNET COUNTY RELIEF ROUTE

WHEREAS, Burnet County is experiencing substantial growth and are projected to potentially double within 40 years; and

WHEREAS, three (3) major highways – SH Highway 71, Hwy 29, and US Highway 281- converge and funnel their traffic into Burnet County; and

WHEREAS, this convergence of vehicular traffic, combined with an ever-increasing amount of pedestrian traffic from the tourist industry, creates congestion in the downtown areas of Marble Falls and Burnet; and

WHEREAS, the increased population of residents in Burnet County creates more vehicular traffic on a daily basis, causing traffic delays and decreased mobility; and

WHEREAS, Burnet County is considering the future transportation infrastructure needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the roadways, according to recent vehicular studies, will be reaching their capacity within 10 years or less; and

WHEREAS, an alternative vehicular route would potentially benefit not only trucks, but also other vehicular traffic as well; and

WHEREAS, downtown congestion could potentially be a safety issue for our citizens and tourists; and

WHEREAS, current traffic conditions in Burnet County could have a negative impact on economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, current levels of traffic congestion are adversely affecting the response times of emergency vehicles, including those dispatched by Law Enforcement, Fire Services, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, Burnet County desires to partner with TXDOT to complete a feasibility study on a proposed Relief Route; and

WHEREAS, the route to be considered is a new location "outer route" similar to the route identified in previous studies, while at the same time being user-friendly to our citizens and adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, intends to actively and openly participate as project sponsors in the outreach and education component of this project through the efforts of the Relief Route Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Relief Route Task Force wants to ensure that as an appointed committee it remains in active participation by defining the scope of the feasibility study and is included in regular briefings by the study consultant; and

WHEREAS, Burnet County intends to be an active financial partner where possible based on budget processes, budget restraints, and citizen approval; and

WHEREAS, progression is dependent on the successful completion of various stages of project development and continued support from Burnet County. However, it is understood that no commitments have been made by TXDOT for future funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT that they commit to working in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to address current traffic congestion and proactively plan for future growth by supporting the initiation of a comprehensive feasibility study evaluating the need for a Burnet County Relief Route; and that TxDOT shall actively engage and coordinate with the Relief Route Task Force throughout the course of this study.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Bryan Wilson, Judge
Burnet County

ATTEST:

Vicinta Stafford, Clerk
Burnet County