

Resolution

The State of Texas }
 } Know All Men By These Presents:
County of Williamson }

That on this, the 20th day of April, A. D. 2010, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, met duly called and convened lawful Session at the County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge, Presiding
Lisa Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One, and
Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct Two, and
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three, and
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct Four

WHERE, among other matters, came up for consideration and adoption the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the 78th Texas Legislature passed HB 3588 authorizing the Texas Department of Transportation ("Department") to enter into an agreement with a public entity that provides for the payment of pass-through tolls to the public entity as a reimbursement for construction, maintenance, or operation of a toll or non-toll facility on the state highway system by the public entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Commission has adopted rules regarding the policies and procedures governing the department's implementation of the Pass-Through Finance Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Commission has issued a Fiscal Year 2010 Call for Projects for the Pass-Through Finance Program; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County has been developing, in cooperation with the Department, improvements to the Interstate ("IH") 35 system, including the construction of northbound frontage roads and ramps between Westinghouse Road and State Highway ("SH") 29; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements would complete the frontage road system through Georgetown and Williamson County, providing an improved facility for the public and emergency vehicles to safely and efficiently access emergency care at St. David's Georgetown Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements would provide improved incident management on the adjacent section of IH 35, which currently has the Department diverting traffic from IH 35 mainlanes through downtown Georgetown; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements would also address regional mobility needs by allowing northbound traffic to access IH 35 directly without having to travel through Business 35 to access IH 35 via FM 2243; and,

WHEREAS, Williamson County is making significant contributions to the project, funding over \$4.0 million in engineering, environmental analysis and mitigation, and utility relocation activities; and,

WHEREAS, no construction funding has been identified to complete this "gap" section of the IH 35 system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Williamson County supports the submission of a Pass-Through Finance application to the Department for funding to construct the frontage roads and ramp improvements between Westinghouse Road and SH 29.

The foregoing Resolution was lawfully moved by Commissioner Convey, duly seconded by Commissioner Birkman, and was then adopted by a vote of 5 voting for and 0 voting against. County Judge Dan A. Gattis was duly authorized to sign said resolution as the act and deed of Commissioner's Court of Williamson County and of said County.



Dan A. Gattis, Williamson County Judge

Attest:



Nancy E. Rister, Williamson County Clerk