



VILLAGE OF SALADO RESOLUTION

No. 017

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO SUPPORTING A JOINT PETITION TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY AND THE WACO URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is the primary north-south highway through Waco, Temple, Belton, and Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is the only freeway connection between the metropolitan areas of Dallas/Fort Worth, Waco, Killeen/Temple, Austin, San Antonio and Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Highway 35 is identified as the NAFTA super-highway carrying up to 40 percent of NAFTA related trade between the United States and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, most of Interstate Highway 35 was designed and constructed during the 1950's and 1960's and therefore does not meet existing Interstate standards; and

WHEREAS, due to the age of Interstate Highway 35 the existing condition of bridge structures and pavement is substandard; and

WHEREAS, the short entrance and exit ramps cause a serious safety risk; and

WHEREAS, current pavement and traffic conditions on Interstate Highway 35 create safety concerns that have resulted in numerous accidents in which the outcomes have been dozens of injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, existing traffic conditions on Interstate Highway 35 require 6 lanes of capacity in rural areas and 8 lanes of capacity in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, traffic conditions on Interstate Highway 35 for the year 2025 are forecasted to require up to 10 lanes of capacity in rural areas and 12 lanes of capacity in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, both the Killeen-Temple Urban Transportation Study and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization identified the widening and upgrading of Interstate Highway 35 as their most important transportation priority for the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas currently can only fund approximately one-third of necessary mobility needs statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates that with currently available funds the widening and upgrading of portions of Interstate Highway 35 may not be completed for 20 to 30 years; and

WHEREAS, each year construction is delayed results in increased right of way and construction costs due to inflation and new development adjacent to Interstate Highway 35;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE VILLAGE OF SALADO BOARD OF ALDERMEN, that we are in support of a joint petition on behalf of the Killeen-Temple Urban Transportation Study and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Texas Transportation Commission to request that the Commission consider providing funds for the widening and improvement of Interstate Highway 35 through Bell, Falls, and McLennan Counties.

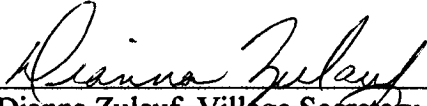
That, the proposed improvements requested would provide for a minimum of 6 lanes with continuous one-way frontage roads throughout Bell, Falls, and McLennan Counties as well as ensure that all sections meet acceptable standards for interstate highways.

That, construction for these improvements be initiated on or before fiscal year 2014, and that the sections that currently have 6 lanes be widened to 8 lanes and that construction for these improvements be initiated no later than fiscal year 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this the 17 day of April, 2003 with a vote of 4 ayes, - nays, and - abstentions, at a regular meeting of the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen which met in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001,


Mayor Charlotte Douglass

ATTEST:


Dianna Zulauf, Village Secretary

