



VILLAGE OF SALADO RESOLUTION

No. 052

Interstate Highway 35 Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF I-35 ACCESS TO THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND OPPOSING CURRENT PLANS PROPOSED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND PROVIDING ALTERNATE ON-RAMP AND OFF-RAMP LOCATIONS AND ACCESS ROAD DESIGNS FOR TXDOT CONSIDERATION; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION; ACTION AUTHORIZED; ALTERNATIVE APPROVED; COOPERATION REQUESTED; PUBLICATION ORDERED; AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS,** the community of Salado, located in Bell County, Texas, has been a thriving trade center and travel destination for hundreds of years; and
- WHEREAS,** Salado was historically a regular coach stop in addition to being home to Native Americans and early settlers; and
- WHEREAS,** the scenic beauty of the terrain, the tranquility of Salado Creek, combined with the excellent school system, thriving commercial sector, and convenient access to I-35 has consistently maintained Salado's status as a bustling community with a steadily increasing population and new entrepreneurs; and
- WHEREAS,** for more than five years, Village of Salado officials have remained in regular contact with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in order to review TxDOT's plans and convey immediate feedback representing the community's government, commercial, and residential sectors; and
- WHEREAS,** for more than five years the TxDOT has provided the citizens of Salado with plans for the ongoing right-of-way expansion project illustrating continued direct access to and from I-35; and
- WHEREAS,** within the last month TxDOT officials have dramatically altered the plans in a manner that ignores the overwhelming public input TxDOT has received, disregards the community's historic role as a travel destination, undermines the economic vitality of the area, and is detrimental to the wellbeing of Salado; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen finds that the plans currently proposed by TxDOT (as made available on May 3, 2007) are completely unacceptable and contrary to sound public policy ; and

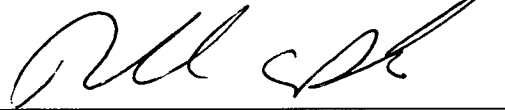
WHEREAS, the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen finds that the alternate plans prepared by the Village Engineer are reasonable and prudent, compatible with TxDOT's objectives and consistent with the goals of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen:

1. **Findings of Fact:** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be legislative Findings of Fact of the Board of Aldermen, and are incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.
2. **Statement of Opposition:** The Village of Salado hereby opposes TxDOT's current plans for the widening and realignment of the I-35 right-of-way through the Village (as presented May 3, 2007).
3. **Action Authorized:** The Mayor, Aldermen, and City Attorney are authorized to take such action is reasonably deemed necessary to communicate this opposition to all relevant federal, state and local government officials, including TxDOT.
4. **Alternative Approved:** The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the alternative plans prepared by the Village Engineer (as presented publicly at a meeting conducted on May 31, 2007).
5. **Cooperation Requested:** The Board of Aldermen respectfully requests that TxDOT meet with Village representatives and formally consider the opposition raised and the alternatives offered by the Village.
6. **Publication Ordered:** The Village Secretary is hereby instructed to publish this Resolution in the official newspaper of the Village, post this Resolution at the Village Administration Building, and distribute this Resolution to local media outlets.
7. **Effective Date:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon publication

Passed, Approved, & Adopted on this, the 31st day of May 2007.

THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS:



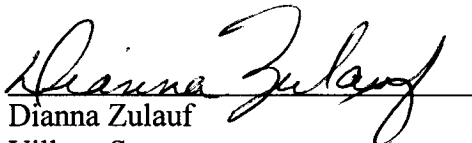
Mayor Rick Ashe

CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BELL §
VILLAGE OF SALADO §

I, Dianna Zulauf, being the current Village Secretary of the Village of Salado, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 052, passed and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado, Texas, on the 31st day of May 2007, and such Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, was posted as prescribed by Government Code 551.043.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 1st day of **June 2007**.



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary