

Late Backup

RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HAYS §

WHEREAS, SH 45 (SW) has been included in the last four CAMPO Regional Transportation Plans adopted in 1994, 2000, 2005 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, SH 45 (SW) from Loop 1 to FM 1626 is included in the City of Austin Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the incorporated area and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Austin extends into Hays County; and

WHEREAS, Hays County and the City of Austin have long worked together in collaboration on regional projects, including the Transit Working Group; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1997 Travis County voters approved \$3.3 million of Travis County Road Bonds to purchase the right-of-way needed for SH 45 (SW) from Loop 1 to FM 1626; and

WHEREAS, between 1998 and 2001 Travis County purchased the right-of-way needed for SH 45 (SW) from Loop 1 to FM 1626; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the Texas Transportation Commission issued a minute order which required Hays County to provide right-of-way within Hays County for SH 45 (SW) at a cost of \$336,000, which Hays County did purchase; and

WHEREAS, the CAMPO SH 45 (SW) Committee appointed by Senator Kirk Watson and chaired by Judge Sam Biscoe recommended to the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board in 2009 that SH 45 SW be built to connect Loop 1 and FM 1626; and

WHEREAS, strict environmental protection for construction of SH 45 (SW) is required by the State Final Environmental Impact Statement approved in 1989 and the U.S. District Court Consent Decree issued in 1990; and

WHEREAS, much of the land along SH 45 (SW) from Loop 1 to FM 1626 is set aside as Water Quality Protection Land by the City of Austin and is therefore not available for development; and

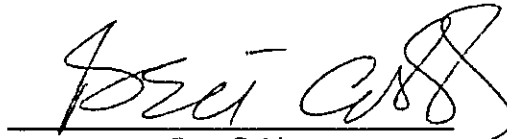
WHEREAS, many Hays County residents travel north on FM 1626 and on Brodie Lane through Shady Hollow to reach Loop 1 at Slaughter Lane to access employment, retail and recreational destinations in the City of Austin, thereby creating undesirably high traffic levels in the Shady Hollow neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Hays County is committed to construct under TxDOT's Pass-Through Financing program a \$70 million expansion of FM 1626 to a four-lane divided roadway from FM 2770 to the Hays/Travis County Line; and

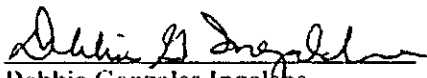
WHEREAS, the Hays County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution on September 27, 2011 requesting Travis County to cooperate with Hays County to construct a 2 to 3-lane county road between Loop 1 and FM 1626, for which Hays County committed up to \$5.0 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hays County requests that the Austin City Council continue support for and adoption of SH 45 (SW) from Loop 1 to FM 1626 in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan

RESOLVED, ORDERED, AND DECLARED this the 12th day of June 2012.



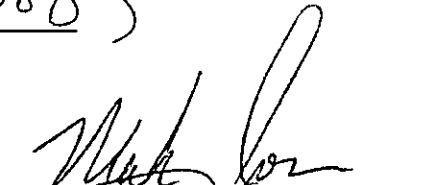
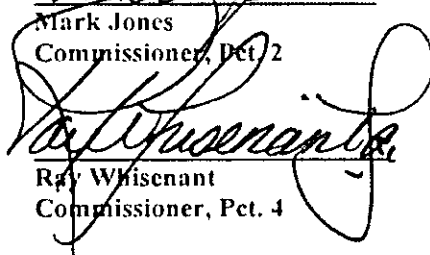
Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge



Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

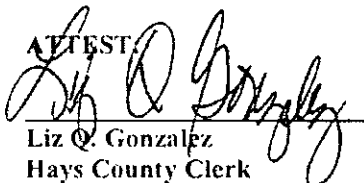


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ATTEST

Liz Q. Gonzalez
Hays County Clerk





CITY OF KYLE

MAYOR LUCY JOHNSON

June 11, 2012

Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Austin City Council Members
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Support for SH 45 SW in City of Austin's Plans

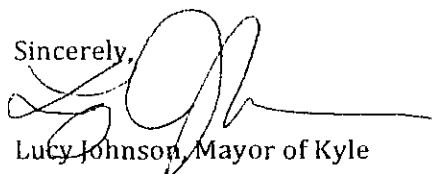
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I am writing to ask you to support maintaining SH 45 SW from Loop 1 to FM 1626 in the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan and Austin Comprehensive Plan. This future roadway is very important to the citizens of Hays County as well as the citizens of Central Texas. Although we reside in Hays County, we are part of the integrated Austin Metropolitan Area in terms of the regional economic, educational and recreational environment. For example, about 40% of Hays County residents work in Travis County. And 20% of the students at Texas Southwest University in San Marcos live in Travis County. City limits and county boundaries are invisible to citizens as they travel back and forth to their destinations every day.

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We know that many people believe that new roadways cause population growth. But this has been shown not to be true. For example, Hays County population grew by 60% between 2000 and 2010, from about 100,000 to 160,000 people during ten years when there was no significant roadway expansions in Hays County. We are now expanding roadways in Hays County to catch up with this growth. We know that population continues to grow in Central Texas without regard to whether roadways or other infrastructure is in place. We support efforts to protect the environment near the proposed SH 45 SW. We believe that the roadway can be built and operated with minimal environmental effect.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucy Johnson, Mayor of Kyle

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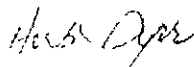
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Vice President & COO
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