



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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Meeting Date: October 22, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on resolution supporting the building of State Highway 45 Southwest.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

N/A

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Resolution

WHEREAS, in May, 1985 the Texas Transportation Commission issued Minute Order 83158 which recognized the need of SH 45 Outer Parkway as an expanded road system to deal with expected traffic growth in Travis County and in July of that year Travis County Commissioners Court accepted Minute Order 83158 and SH 45 was included in the 1986 adoption of the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County in 1997 passed a stand-alone bond proposition for the purchase of Right of Way for the construction of State Highway 45 South West and received a 59.7% voter approval and in 2003 completed the purchase of said Right of Way property and transferred those parcels to the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, in 1995 Travis County Commissioners Court approved the extension and connection of Brodie Lane south to FM 1626 on the assumption that SH 45 SW would be constructed and in 2006 Travis County Commissioners Court was petitioned to close Brodie Lane but voted against the closure while once again pledging support for the completion of SH 45 SW; and,

WHEREAS, in January 2013 CAMPO Chairman Will Conley appointed Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty as Chair of the newly created 45 Southwest subcommittee and charged that subcommittee with determining how to build and finance SH 45 SW, not if to build SH 45 SW, and report back; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County seeks a regional solution to enhance mobility while decreasing congestion of the region while sharing the costs, plans and processes with multiple jurisdictions and agencies to include Travis County, Hays County, The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, CAMPO, and Texas Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Population growth in southern Travis and northern Hays Counties have increased over 200% between 1990 and 2010 and Travis County seeks to decrease traffic congestion and increase safety in our communities in southwest Travis County by enhancing and directing traffic flow from local neighborhood streets to a new controlled access major conduit for southwest Travis County; and,

WHEREAS, SH 45 SW is planned to be a 3.6 mile, 4 tolled main lanes of controlled access roadway between the southern terminus of Loop 1 and FM 1626 in Travis County and is in the CAMPO 2035 Regional Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Travis County seeks to validate green mobility to the region and demonstrate how an innovative roadway can be built with an environmentally sensitive footprint without degrading the environment and protecting our natural resources while providing a roadway our constituents may travel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on the 22nd day of October, 2013 that the Travis County Commissioners Court supports the building of State Highway 45 Southwest.

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Travis County Judge

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