

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF POLK

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**A RESOLUTION OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE US 59 RELIEF ROUTE TO THE WEST OF CORRIGAN, TEXAS.**

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1990's and early 2000's, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performed alignment and environmental studies as well as public involvement for the US 59 Corrigan Relief Route and due to budgetary constraints at that time the studies were stopped; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, TxDOT was allocated funding for project development services related to the development of I-69 in Polk County. As a top priority of the I-69 Segment Two Committee, TxDOT began using the funding that was allocated to Polk County to initiate the project development process, which included environmental studies, schematic development and right-of-way mapping and to acquire right of way for the US 59 Corrigan Relief Route; and

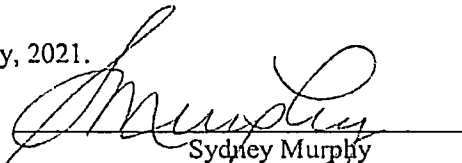
**WHEREAS**, TxDOT held an open house meeting on August 5, 2014, to seek public input on the previously studied alternatives and to determine if the public still supported the preferred alternative for further development. Results of the meeting found that approximately 70% of respondents supported further development of the preferred alternative. Due to development in the area, TxDOT completed further refinements to the alignment to avoid the new Roy O. Martin plant. The revised alignment was presented to the public on Dec. 17, 2015. In 2016, TxDOT began schematic development and environmental studies of the preferred alignment. After making further refinements based on public comments and recommendations from a value engineering, TxDOT held a public hearing on December 14, 2017 to display the proposed improvement and to receive public comments before submitting for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the relief route west of Corrigan, Texas will relieve traffic congestion for day to day passenger vehicles as well as those vehicles transporting freight along the US 59 (future I 69) corridor; and


**WHEREAS**, the relief route west of Corrigan, Texas will enhance the efficient movement of all vehicular traffic along this section of the US 59 corridor, designated by the State of Texas as a hurricane evacuation route for citizens living along the coastal areas of Texas; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Polk County, that the County supports TxDOT's utilization of a relief route in Corrigan, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
Sydney Murphy  
Polk County Judge

ATTEST:

  
Schelana Hock  
County Clerk

