

POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS SUPPORTING A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADVANCE THE UPGRADE OF US 59 ACROSS THE TRINITY RIVER BRIDGE AND INTO SAN JACINTO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, US 59 is part of the congressionally designated I-69 Corridor stretching from the Texas-Mexico border to the Canadian border in Michigan, and the improvements proposed in this project will be constructed to interstate standards in anticipation of it being added to the national Interstate Highway system.

WHEREAS, TxDOT has identified the segment of US 59 from the north end of the Trinity River Bridge to 0.5 miles north of FM 1127, including replacement of the Trinity River Bridge, as the next logical segment of the I-69 Corridor in the Lufkin District for development.

WHEREAS, the project is currently included the TxDOT's Unified Transportation Plan.

WHEREAS, TxDOT is proposing to upgrade the existing US 59 by adding frontage roads and reconstructing the existing US 59 including replacement of the bridge over the Trinity River, at a cost of approximately \$127.7 million.

WHEREAS, the environmental clearance for the project is expected to be completed in Fall 2024 and public hearings are scheduled.

WHEREAS, there is no local match required for right-of-way acquisition, due to this project's location on a designated hurricane evacuation route.

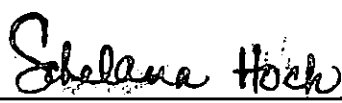
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has concluded and hereby finds that the upgrade of US 59 to I-69 will enhance safety, improve traffic flow and provide a more efficient route for coastal evacuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that:

1. The Commissioners Court supports the Texas Department of Transportation's efforts for upgrading US 59 between Shepherd and Livingston as soon as possible.
2. The County of Polk supports the right-of-way acquisition necessary for project advancement.
3. Hereby requests the office of Congressman Pete Sessions support a request for an appropriation for \$5 million for the right-of-way acquisition and planning of US 59 from the north side of the Trinity River Bridge to 0.5 miles north of FM 1127, which is planned to become part of the I-69 corridor.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS, on this the 23rd day of April, 2024.

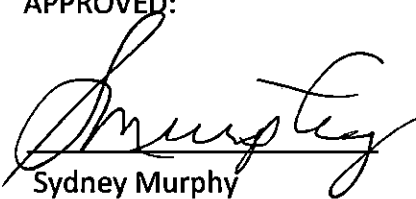
ATTEST:



Schelana Hock
County Clerk



APPROVED:



Sydney Murphy
County Judge