

RESOLUTION NO. 63-1989

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS ENDORSING THE TEXAS HIGHWAY TRUNK SYSTEM CONCEPT, RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL ROADWAYS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SYSTEM, AND ENCOURAGING DESIGNATION OF THE SYSTEM AS THE INTRASTATE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, an integrated system of multi-lane rural highways is critical to the economic development of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has proposed the designation of a rural network of four-lane or better divided roadways that will serve as the principal connector of urban areas in the State, as well as major ports and points of entry from surrounding states and Mexico to be known as the Texas Highway Trunk System; and

WHEREAS, the network selection criteria for the Texas Highway Trunk System includes: 1) connect all cities over 20,000 population; 2) network to be within 25 miles of all cities with populations of 10,000 and over; 3) connect to principal roadways of adjacent states that carry significant traffic volumes; 4) connect to principal deep water ports; 5) connect to principal Mexican points of entry; 6) serve all significant military installations; 7) serve high volume tourism/recreational areas; 8) serve high volume truck routes; 9) use existing Interstate Highway System; and 10) minimize circuitous or indirect routing; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Texas Highway Trunk System is the vital first step in creating a plan for upgrading the principal rural highways; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Texas Highway Trunk System fails to include an important segment, namely US 83 from Junction to Carrizo Springs, in the north-south route through West Texas, which links the Rio Grande Valley area to the American Heartland; and

WHEREAS, most of the routes on the Texas Highway Trunk System consist of segments of various Interstate, U.S., and State Highways and, therefore lack an identity as part of the Texas Highway Trunk System; and

WHEREAS, a separate highway designation system, such as the Intrastate System, will clearly identify the routes of the Texas Highway Trunk System; and

WHEREAS, the Port-to-Plains Highway from the Panhandle to the Port of Galveston is the principal cross State route on the Texas Highway Trunk System; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the concept and selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System is wholeheartedly endorsed and supported.

PART 2: That US 83 from Junction to Carrizo Springs is strongly recommended for inclusion in the Texas Highway Trunk System.

PART 3: That the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is encouraged to adopt a separate highway designation system, such as the proposed Intrastate designation, to clearly identify the highways on the Texas Highway Trunk System.


PART 4: That the Port-to-Plains Highway, from the northwest corner of the Panhandle to the Port of Galveston and consisting of portions of US 87, IH 27, US 84, IH 20, US 183, and US 290, be designated as Intrastate 1.

PART 5: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for inclusion in the records of the public input on the proposed Texas Highway Trunk System.

PART 6: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of November, A.D., 1989.

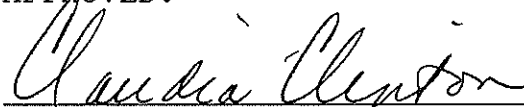
ATTEST:



City Secretary



Mayor

APPROVED:


City Attorney