

RESOLUTION NO. 9-1991

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, IDENTIFYING A STATE HIGHWAY FUNDING SHORTFALL AND ENCOURAGING ACTION BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation has reported that nearly 60 percent of the mobility needs of Texas cannot be met over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, this serious shortfall will cause many approved projects to be delayed or canceled, critically affecting the safety and mobility of the motorists of Texas at a time the State is recovering from its economic downturn and expecting a surge of new growth; and

WHEREAS, the Department has rightly placed its highest priority on maintaining and preserving our existing highway system, meaning that funds for added capacity will be in short supply unless the Legislature and other state leaders respond to this growing problem; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature should especially consider the fact that only 9 1/4 cents of the 15-cents motor fuels tax goes to highway construction and maintenance, the remainder being transferred to the public school system, the Department of Public Safety, employee benefits, and other non-highway uses; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and members of the Highway Commission have detailed the need for additional funding and made it clear that the impact of the shortfall will be felt in all parts of Texas, rural and urban; now

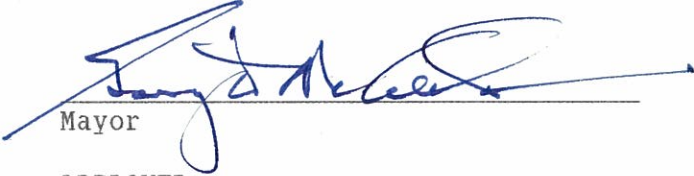
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

That the City of Abilene requests that the 72nd Legislature address the problem of diminishing highway construction funds and take such action as necessary to assure that sufficient funds are available over the next decade to meet the mobility needs of the people of Texas.

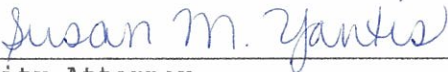
ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 1991.

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

  
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Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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City Attorney