

A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING NEEDS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE FOR APPLICATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) will be considered for reauthorization during the 108th Congress; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 presents funding opportunities for critical transportation projects for Abilene and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Abilene has considered a variety of projects eligible for TEA-21 funding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to recognize that Dyess Air Force Base is critical to our national defense; and

WHEREAS, Dyess Air Force Base is also a large economic factor for not only for the City of Abilene, but also has positive economic impact throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Abilene and the surrounding region have a long history of supporting the mission of Dyess Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, improved access is also a critical need for personnel, visitors, and freight movement. Improved access will enable the base to route freight shipments, including fuel and other hazardous material, away from the Dyess main gate; and

WHEREAS, improved access is also seen as an enhancement to security at the base.

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

Part 1. That the proposed enhancements for access to Dyess Air Force Base are of utmost importance to the mission of Dyess and to the transportation goals of the City of Abilene.

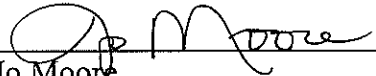
Part 2. That for the upcoming TEA-21 request, the City Council requests that the Dyess access enhancement project be submitted by the Metropolitan Transportation Organization and the district office of the Texas Department of Transportation (TX-DOT) as the only project requested from the City of Abilene.

Part 3. That city staff provide all necessary support to TX-DOT and the City's congressional representative in furtherance of this resolution.


Part 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 21 day of November, A.D., 2002.

ATTEST:

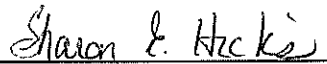


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