

RESOLUTION NO. R- 819

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS,
OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKLANDS CORRIDOR
TOLLWAY/NORTHEAST GATEWAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, The North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Turnpike Corporation, the Texas Department of Transportation, and a private developer have been conducting a study known as the Blacklands Corridor Feasibility Study to assess and recommend a combination of strategies related to local and regional transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Blacklands Corridor Study Area includes parts of Collin, Dallas, Hunt, and Rockwall Counties and includes consideration of a new tollway connecting the City of Greenville with the President George Bush Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockwall's representatives have indicated that a new tollway route has been added for consideration which would be located in Rockwall County and partially within the City of Rockwall and its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, indications are that the routes being considered are contrary to the current planning of the City of Fate including adopted plans for parks, open space, thoroughfares, land use, and utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fate considers this new tollway as a threat to its present and future economic viability with the likely diversion of traffic and business development; and

WHEREAS, the tollway project will result in public resource diversion from Interstate Highway 30 (IH 30) to other area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) projects; and

WHEREAS, the tollway will proliferate unchecked urban sprawl resulting in new water resource demands that could bring continuous drought concerns to our area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fate is philosophically and morally opposed to the use of eminent domain by a private corporation to be used on our nearby neighbors to construct this tollway;

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

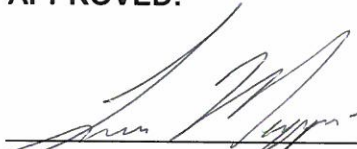
Section 1. That the City of Fate strongly opposes the construction of the Blacklands/Northeast Gateway Tollway.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas this 29th day of September, 2014.



APPROVED:



Lorne Megyesi, Mayor

ATTEST:



Victoria Raduechel, Interim City Secretary