

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKLANDS CORRIDOR FREEWAY / TOLLWAY IN THE CITY OF ROCKWALL TEXAS; 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 has attended numerous meetings where the discussion of tollway routing has included numerous routes located in Collin County; and

WHEREAS, subsequent meeting of City of Rockwall representatives with representatives of the private developer 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, no documents indicating the new tollway route were provided to the City of Rockwall at said meeting by the private developer's representatives; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Rockwall has been requested to offer input related to the environmental impact of the proposed route without having been provided specific information as to the location of the route, thus denying the City of Rockwall the opportunities to adequately assess and respond to potential environmental impact and other possible consequences that such a route may have; and

WHEREAS, the limited information provided about the new route causes great concern;

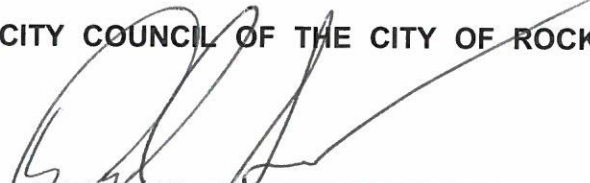
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City of Rockwall strongly opposes the new route being considered for the Blacklands Corridor / Freeway which is partially located in Rockwall County and the City of Rockwall and its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction,

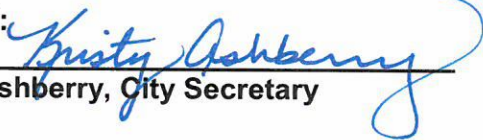
Section 2. That the City of Rockwall urges that detailed, accurate information as to all routes currently under consideration by transportation planners be provided to the City of Rockwall and to all of the cities and counties affected by said routes being considered.

Section 3. That work continue on the study of all alternative solutions that may contribute to meeting the transportation needs with transit options being left to the discretion of local governments, and that the City of Rockwall (and other cities and counties located along all routes being considered) be specifically provided a designated official single point of contact for the purpose of facilitating their involvement in the study as it progresses, and that clarification be provided to those same cities and counties as to the relative roles of the NCTCOG, the Texas Turnpike Corporation, the Texas Department of Transportation, the North Texas Turnpike Authority, the private developer (and its consultants), and any other applicable entities.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, this 4th day of August, 2014.



David Sweet, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

