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RESOLUTION

Urging the Texas Department of Transportation to Install a Traffic-Control Signal at the Intersection of FM 1044 & FM 78 in Guadalupe County

WHEREAS, the intersection of FM 1044 & FM 78 in Guadalupe County ("Intersection") experiences an excessive level of congestion at all hours of the day and for many miles around; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") recognizes the need to improve the flow of traffic across the Union Pacific Railroad ("Railroad") tracks at this location; and

WHEREAS, TxDOT has proposed a traffic-control signal and possible expansion at this Intersection, which will most likely not be completed until fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, currently, traffic crossing and turning onto FM 78 is regulated by a two-way stop, while traffic traveling on FM 78 is not required to stop at this Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a traffic-control signal would increase the flow of traffic through the Intersection, providing a measure of mobility safety and relief as motorists await the Railroad and Intersection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §542.203 of the Texas Transportation Code, Guadalupe County may not unilaterally install a traffic-control device on a state highway; and



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WHEREAS, for over four years, community leaders and citizens have implored TxDOT and Railroad to work together to install a traffic-control signal at the Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the State Officials representing these citizens have recognized the drastic and ongoing need to support this request; and

WHEREAS, this Intersection has accounted for forty-nine car crashes over the past two years, and previous years have reported fatalities. Over 1,000 concerned citizens have petitioned the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court to install a traffic-control signal for mobility safety and the protection of human life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners Court of Guadalupe County hereby urges TxDOT to install a traffic-control signal as soon as possible at the intersection of FM 1044 & FM 78 to eliminate the unnecessary, hazardous conditions and reduce the excessive congestion experienced by all those who travel these roads.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the ____23rd__ day of January 2024.

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