

RESOLUTION NO. 2009R-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT MOTRAN/PORTS-TO-PLAINS TIGER GRANT SUBMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the "La Entrada Al Pacifico" corridor (National High Priority Corridor #56) links the Port of Topolobampo with a proposed West Texas transportation corridor from Presidio through the Odessa-Midland area to Lamesa, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the "Ports to Plains" corridor (National High Priority Corridor #38) links the Odessa-Midland combined statistical area and the City of Lamesa to the Lubbock and Amarillo metropolitan statistical areas, and on to Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, these two National High Priority Corridors, providing linkages to Mexico and Canada, provide accessibility to major east-west routes in the U.S., thus enhancing the United States trade potential with Mexico and Canada and the ability for goods to reach major eastern and northern markets; and

WHEREAS, the two corridors overlap on the segment of State Highway 349 and its connection to the proposed US 87 Relief Route in Lamesa, Texas; and

WHEREAS, noted economist Dr. Ray Perryman estimated the potential impact of this proposed four lane linkage on the export potential to Mexico along the route from Amarillo to Odessa/Midland through Lubbock could be as much as \$15 billion in total expenditures; \$6.8 billion in Gross Area Product; \$3.7 billion in annual Personal Income; \$2.8 billion in annual Wages and Salaries; \$1.4 billion in Retail Sales; and over 131,000 Permanent Jobs based on 1995 levels of overall economic activity; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the potential impact of this proposed four lane linkage on the export potential to Mexico along the route from Amarillo to Odessa/Midland through Lubbock could be as much as \$33 billion in total expenditures; \$14 billion in Gross Area Product; \$8 billion in annual Personal Income; \$6 billion in annual Wages and Salaries; \$3 billion in Retail Sales; and over 283,000 Permanent Jobs by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of this segment of roadway would enhance domestic and international trade in Texas, Mexico, Canada, and the United States; and save over \$300 in trucking costs, three hours in driving time, and three hours in wait time on a one way trip from Chihuahua City to Midland-Odessa further enhancing the competitive advantage in U.S. trade; and

WHEREAS, the MOTRAN Alliance and Ports to Plains Coalition and their respective community members have partnered in effort to promote the development of this crucial segment of roadway through funding from the TIGER Grant program

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

Section 1. That the City of Odessa supports the submission of this project for funding via the TIGER Grant program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Section 2. That the City of Odessa joins in this innovative partnership of communities and entities to promote the funding and development of this project which will enhance economic development, job creation, and travel safety throughout West Texas, the Permian Basin, and the Texas Panhandle.

Section 3. That this resolution shall be effective at the time of its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted on the 8th day of September, A.D., 2009, by the following vote:

Bill Cleaver	AYE
James B. Goates	AYE
Royce Bodiford	AYE
Dean Combs	AYE
Benjamin Velasquez	AYE

Approved the 8th day of September, A.D., 2009.

/s/ Larry L. Melton
Larry L. Melton, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo
Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Larry Long
Larry Long, City Attorney

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

CERTIFICATE TO COPY OF PUBLIC RECORD


CITY OF ODESSA

I hereby certify, in the performance of the functions of my office, that the attached instrument is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2009-80 approved September 8, 2009 as the same appears of record in my office and that said document(s) is an official record from the public office of the City Secretary's Office of the City of Odessa, Ector County, State of Texas, and is kept in said office.

I further certify that I am City Secretary of the City of Odessa, that I have legal custody of said record (s), and that I am a lawful possessor and keeper and have legal custody of the records in said office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said office this 14th day of September 2009.

(CITY SEAL)


Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Odessa, Texas
Ector County, State of Texas