

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-206**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT  
MOTRAN/PORTS-TO-PLAINS TIGER GRANT  
SUBMISSION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the “Ports to Plains” corridor (National High Priority Corridor #38) links the Midland-Odessa 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 United States, 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**, 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 Midland/Odessa 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 Midland/Odessa 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 an 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 MIDLAND, TEXAS:**

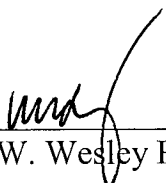
**SECTION ONE.** That the City of Midland supports the submission of this project for funding via the TIGER Grant program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**SECTION TWO.** That the City of Midland 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.

On motion of Council member Dufford, seconded by Council member Hailey, the above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Midland at a regular meeting on the 11th day of August, A.D., 2009, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": **Dufford, Hailey, Morales,  
Trost, Morgan, Perry  
and James**

Council members voting "NAY": **None**

  
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W. Wesley Perry, Mayor

