

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES
OF THE HIGHWAY 36A COALITION**

WHEREAS, Brazoria, Fort Bend and Waller Counties are experiencing rapid growth along the State Highway 36 corridor, with commercial and residential development generating increased demand on regional highways; and

WHEREAS, Port Freeport continues to grow with ever increasing truck and train traffic; and

WHEREAS, SH 36 serves as an important transportation corridor through Brazoria, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, with access to important rail connections along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Major storms along the upper Texas Gulf Coast require evacuations on undersized highways, leading to life safety issues for all concerned; and

WHEREAS, The Highway 36A Coalition is a 501(c)(4) advocacy organization comprised of regional government and private interests promoting public and private investment in free-flowing transportation facilities between Freeport and Hempstead, seeking to provide opportunities for economic growth, hurricane evacuation, and quality of life through these facilities; and

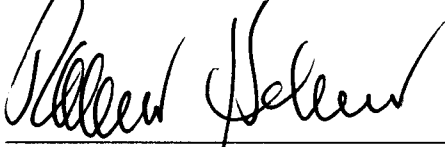
WHEREAS, Capacity upgrades to the 36A Corridor will help improve Air Quality in Fort Bend County (currently in the non-attainment zone for ozone), increase multi-modal transportation opportunities, expand economic development, enhance hurricane evacuation, accommodate national defense, accommodate increased traffic to and from Port Freeport, and relieve congestion in our region; and

WHEREAS, The Highway 36A Coalition promotes environmentally-friendly transportation solutions for the geographic region, and vigorously promotes smart growth and corridor preservation; and

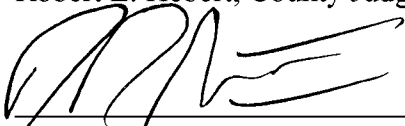
WHEREAS, Member governmental entities within the Highway 36A Coalition have committed local funds, combined with planning funds from the Houston-Galveston Area Council totaling \$1,000,000, and are asking for a matching contribution from Texas Department of Transportation, so that the 107-mile corridor can be studied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fort Bend County stands in support of the efforts of Highway 36A Coalition and their request for matching state funds.

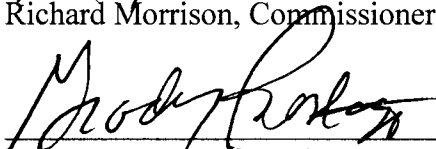
RESOLVED, PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 6th day of May, 2014.



Robert E. Hebert, County Judge



Richard Morrison, Commissioner, Precinct 1



Grady Prestage, Commissioner, Precinct 2



Andy Meyers, Commissioner, Precinct 3



James Patterson, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

