RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MODIFYING TRANSPORTATION CODE 203.092 REIMBURSEMENT FOR RELOCATION OF UTILITY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Westpark Tollway/1093 extension by the Fort Bend Toll Road Authority requires relocation of utilities currently located on existing state and county Right of Way; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Code 203.092 defines "department," to mean the Texas Department of Transportation and specifies the "department" will pay 50% of the cost to relocate the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Westpark Tollway/FM 1093 Project cost an additional \$6 million as a result of having to pay for 50% of the utility relocation costs; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County believes that the intent of Transportation Code 203.092 is to include only the Texas Department of Transportation and not a county toll road authority; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County supports legislation clarifying Transportation Code 203.092 to clearly state that "department" as defined in this statute does not include Fort Bend Toll Road Authority or the Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 13th day of December, 2016.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Righard Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 1

W. A. "Andy" Meyers Commissioner Pct. 3

ames Patterson Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk