

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL TRUCK SIZE OR WEIGHT INCREASES FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCKS

WHEREAS, FORT BEND COUNTY is concerned with the public safety and welfare of residents, pedestrians and motorists and the cost, quality, and reliability of our county's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, longer double-trailer trucks across the National Highway System would further endanger motorists and the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) concluded that multi-trailer trucks have an 11-percent higher fatal crash rate than single-trailer trucks; and

WHEREAS, allowing heavier or longer trucks on the National Highway System would threaten the safety of the traveling public because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, increase wear and tear on truck safety systems such as brakes, steering and tires, and increase crash severity; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent data by the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)*, there was a 41.4% increase in fatal crashes involving large/commercial trucks in Texas between 2012 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County has approximately 781 bridges of which 27.9% are in fair or poor condition with an estimated cost of over \$7.6 million to accommodate 91,000 pound trucks according to a local bridge study conducted by the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT); and,

WHEREAS, driving on deteriorated roads costs Texas motorists \$17.8 billion per year – \$948 per motorist – in the form of additional repairs, accelerated vehicle depreciation, and increased fuel consumption and tire wear (TRIP 2024); and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County residents are highly dependent on multiple roadways all of which are already heavily impacted by truck size and weight including I-10 and I-69; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County is concerned with the safety of its residents and motorists who travel the same roads and highways as these bigger and heavier trucks; and,

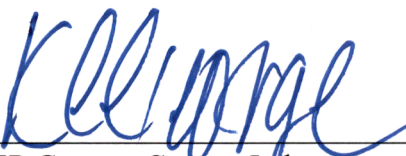
WHEREAS, Fort Bend County is concerned with the difficulty of maintaining public works budgets that could ultimately further burden residents by raising revenue through new fees and taxes; and

WHEREAS, government highway cost allocation studies show that increases in truck size and weight would exacerbate the existing underpayment of heavy trucks and increase their subsidization by municipalities and counties, amounting to an unfunded mandate; and



WHEREAS, Fort Bend County elected, and professional officials realize economic vitality is enhanced by traffic mitigation strategies, and understand that commercial truck traffic will end up on local roads in transit as well; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fort Bend County opposes any legislation that increases truck size or weight at the federal level and encourages our county's federal delegation to oppose such legislation.


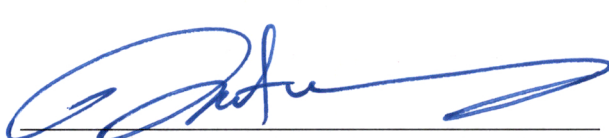
PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 27 day of August, 2024.



KP George, County Judge

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Attest:



Laura Richard, County Clerk

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