



City of Galveston

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RESOLUTION REGARDING GRAND PARKWAY SEGMENTS B AND C

- Whereas,** the cities of Harris, Galveston and Brazoria Counties regard the safety, security and quality of life as the highest priorities for the region's citizens; and
- Whereas,** City of Galveston and region's cities recognize the important work TXDOT performs for the State of Texas including the advancement of transportation movements within Brazoria and Galveston Counties; and
- Whereas,** the region's citizens require additional emergency evacuation routes during natural disasters; and
- Whereas,** City of Galveston and its community have prioritized improved mobility in order to account for population growth and to accommodate the citizens' work, school, and safe daily travel requirements; and
- Whereas,** State Highway 99 (The Grand Parkway) was first identified as a long-range priority transportation investment in 1961 and specifically identified in Houston-Galveston area's first Metropolitan Transportation Plan in 1989 and in all subsequent metropolitan long-range plans; and
- Whereas,** State Highway 99 was identified as a tolled facility in 2025 Regional Transportation Plan approved in June 2005; and
- Whereas,** the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the counties of Brazoria, Chambers, FORT Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Harris, and Montgomery entered into a Market Valuation Waiver Agreement in 2009 that defined the scope of the Grand Parkway (SH99), which itself had been approved in 2008, and



Whereas, completion of the remaining segments of the Grand Parkway is important and necessary for the region, and specifically, the completion of Segment B from I-45 South to SH 288 and Segment C from SH 288 TO I-59, is essential as evacuation routes, as essential mobility routes for the citizens' daily use, as essential means to reduce traffic congestion, and as a cost-effective traffic mitigation and safety strategy; and

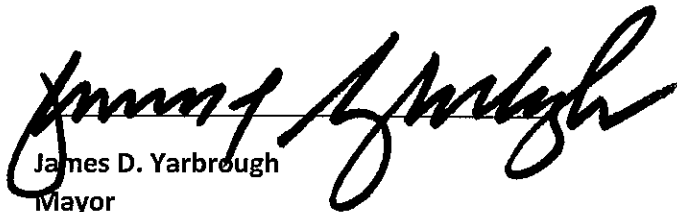
Whereas, TxDot has defined Segment B, as noted at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh99-grand-parkway/overview/segment-b.html> TxDot has defined Segment C, as noted at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/sh99-grand-parkway/overview/segment-c.html>

Whereas, progress on Segments B and C of the Grand Parkway have stalled at the state level, and there have been indications from TxDot that it is considering removing certain segments, including Segments B and C, from the Uniform Transportation Plan (UTP), which will cause further delays in the completion of the Grand Parkway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY OF GALVESTON:

TxDot take any and all actions to complete its traffic revenue study, land acquisition, design, and construction of the Grand Parkway (SH99)-Segments B and C through grandfathering and other appropriate actions that expedite the process, in accordance with state law and accepted practice, including, without limitation, insuring no segments of the Grand Parkway are removed from the UTP and specifically that Segments B and C of the Grand Parkway remain as projects to be constructed in the UTP.

Adopted this 30th day of July, 2019



James D. Yarbrough
Mayor
City of Galveston