

TITUS COUNTY

Titus County Courthouse



Brian P. Lee
County Judge

December 13, 2016

Mr. John Cloutier
Chair NET RMA Long Range Planning Committee
909 ESE Loop 323 Suite 520
Tyler, TX 75701

Dear Mr. Cloutier,

As a long time member of NETRMA, Titus County is very pleased to hear about the US Hwy 271 initiative. Various representatives from the County were involved years ago, and faithfully promoted the "Green Carpet Route". We still strongly believe in the importance of Hwy 271 not only locally but as a freight corridor identified by TxDOT connecting from Paris to Gladewater.

As our population grows, and the freight transportation demands within our region increase, 271 is vital to providing connectivity between the major interstate trunks.

Locally 271 serves our manufacturers including Pilgrim's Pride, Prieferts, Newlyweds Foods, Big Tex Trailers and our Industrial parks. The major segment of our new Passthrough Toll Project (\$168 Million) is also a part of Hwy 271 providing safe, smooth, high speed passage for north and southbound travel.

Titus County wholeheartedly supports the continued development of Hwy 271 to insure that this key route develops to meet the increasing demands for freight and public travel within our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Lee".

Brian Lee



Titus County Commissioners' Court
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Resolution No. 2016-14

A resolution in support of and urging immediate action for development and implementation of construction improvements by the Texas Department of Transportation on US Highway 271 between Tyler and Paris, TX and points north.

Whereas, the US Highway 271 Corridor serves as a vitally important transportation corridor in East Texas impacting the daily lives of approximately 495,000 people living and working in the seven counties of Smith, Gregg, Upshur, Camp, Titus, Lamar and Red River; and,

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has plans to construct approximately \$310 million in improvements to US Highway 271 within the next 10 years; and,

Whereas, there is widespread support and unity among representatives of local governments, economic development organizations, regional councils of governments, and private sector interests for a more accelerated and more aggressive commitment from TxDOT to undertake the construction improvements to US Highway 271 between Tyler and Paris as a means to facilitate greater vehicle safety, enhance overall connectivity of the road system in the region, and hasten more regional economic development along the corridor; and,

Whereas, the significant traffic volume on the US Highway 271 corridor raises safety concerns along the corridor and mandates urgent action to construct roadway safety improvements; and,

Whereas, US Highway 271 serves as an invaluable connection between Interstate 20 and Interstate 30 thereby providing direct and indirect connectivity throughout the East Texas region as well as to other areas of Texas and surrounding states; and,

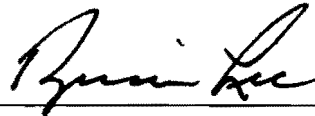
Whereas, overall regional economic success and an improved quality of life will be substantially improved through improvements to the connectivity of the US Highway 271 corridor; and,

Whereas, in 2012 there were approximately 42,486 businesses and industries representing such sectors as manufacturing, industrial production, transportation, agriculture, timber, and service related businesses employing over 210,000 citizens above the age of sixteen (16) in the seven counties (Smith, Gregg, Upshur, Camp, Titus, Lamar and Red River) that were able to access the US 271 corridor; and,

Whereas, the future viability of the regional economy along the US 271 corridor depends greatly on TxDOT implementing the planned improvements to US 27 at an earlier time.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that Titus County hereby urges TxDOT to undertake improvements to US Highway 271 on a more accelerated schedule in order to greatly improve the safety of the corridor, enhance connectivity and facilitate regional economic development opportunities.

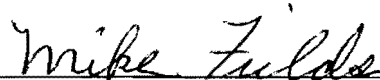
APPROVED this 22 day of December, 2016, by the Titus County Commissioners' Court.



County Judge, Titus County, Texas



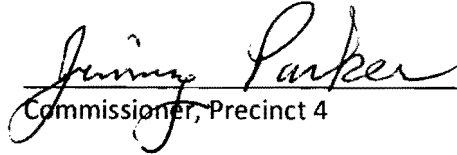
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Commissioner, Precinct 2



Commissioner, Precinct 3



Commissioner, Precinct 4

