

CITY OF CROCKETT
RESOLUTION R-09C-23

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS REQUESTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDESIGNATE TEXAS STATE HIGHWAYS 7, 19, AND 21 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 287 SO THEY RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH TX-LOOP 304 AND REDESIGNATE THE ORIGINAL FOOTPRINTS OF TEXAS HIGHWAYS 7, 19, AND 21 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 287 INSIDE TX-LOOP 304 BE DESIGNATED AS BUSINESS HIGHWAYS 7, 19, 21 AND 287

WHEREAS, Crockett is the county seat of Houston County, the first county established in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County courthouse is in the middle of a one-way courthouse circle in the center of downtown Crockett; and

WHEREAS, a unique feature of Crockett is that four highly trafficked major highways have routes that go through Crockett, resulting in a saying that “all roads lead to Crockett”; and

WHEREAS, those four highways are:

1. State Highway 7 east and west, which runs from Interstate 35 south of Waco, Texas, to U.S. Hwy 84 near the Texas-Louisiana state line;
2. State Highway 21, which runs from the Texas-Louisianan boundary east of San Augustine to San Marcos in east and central Texas;
3. State Highway 19, which runs from Huntsville, Texas, to Paris Texas
4. U.S. Hwy 287, which runs north and south from Port Arthur, Texas through Fort Worth and Amarillo into Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the existing routes for State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and U.S. Highway 287 run concurrently and intersect with local streets inside TX-Loop 304, including the one-way downtown courthouse circle; and

WHEREAS, semi-truck traffic and other excessive thru traffic on streets inside Loop 304 is detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and other drivers, especially around the courthouse square where drivers unfamiliar with the circle traffic pattern often drive the wrong way on the one-way circle and fail to yield to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, rerouting State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and U.S. Highway 287 will improve traffic safety and allow traffic to move more efficiently through the City of Crockett.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Crockett City Council that a request is made to the Texas Department of Transportation that State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and U.S. Highway 287 be redesignated to run concurrent with TX-Loop 304 and the existing routes of State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and U.S. Highway 287 inside TX-Loop 304 be designated as Business State Highways 7, 19, and 21 and Business U.S. Highway 287.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

MITZI STEFKA, CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS
BY: _____
DR. IANTHIA FISHER, MAYOR