

# **RESOLUTION**

## **RES 2025 - 14**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, GEORGIA REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY AT DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS AND REQUESTING PRIORITIZATION OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT 0013760**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and welfare of citizens who live, work, and travel through the City of Dallas, Georgia is of paramount concern to the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic safety is a fundamental responsibility of government at all levels and directly impacts the quality of life and economic vitality of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the intersections of East Memorial Drive split with Merchants Drive, Legion Road and Merchants Drive, and East Memorial Drive and Legion Road have experienced an alarming 256 traffic accidents over the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, this accident rate represents an unacceptable and dangerous condition that poses a significant threat to public safety and makes these intersections among the most dangerous in small town Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, as far back as 2016, the Georgia Department of Transportation announced GDOT Project 0013760, which proposed to "install a hybrid roundabout with two right-turn bypasses and an exclusive left at the intersection of SR 6 BUSINESS and Legion Road. The adjacent intersection at SR 6 BUSINESS and East Memorial Drive is proposed to be realigned and converted to a right in right out. The existing left turn movements at East Memorial Drive are anticipated to be redirected through the proposed roundabout at Legion Road"; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this announcement and the critical safety need, the Georgia Department of Transportation has delayed implementation of Project 0013760 for nine consecutive years, placing the project "on the shelf" year after year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that over 400 traffic collisions could have been avoided during these nine years of delay if the proposed roundabout improvements had been constructed as originally planned in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, these intersections are located on state routes (SR 6 Business), which places them under the jurisdiction and control of the Georgia Department of Transportation, limiting the City's ability to implement necessary safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued delay of this critical safety project represents a failure to protect the lives and safety of citizens and visitors who must navigate these dangerous intersections daily; and

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Martin Momtahan (District 17), State Representative Joseph Gullett (District 19), State Representative Trey Kelley (District 16), State Representative Kimberly New (District 40), and State Senator and Majority Leader Jason Anavitarte (District 31) represent the citizens of Paulding County and have the authority to advocate for transportation safety improvements within their districts; and

**WHEREAS**, coordinated advocacy from local and state officials is essential to ensure that the Georgia Department of Transportation prioritizes this long-overdue safety project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas has a duty to advocate for the safety of all persons who travel through our community, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas, Georgia:

**Section I.** The Mayor and City Council hereby find and declare that the traffic safety conditions at the intersections of East Memorial Drive split with Merchants Drive, Legion Road and Merchants Drive, and East Memorial Drive and Legion Road constitute a clear and present danger to public safety.

**Section II.** The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the 256 traffic accidents recorded at these intersections over the past five years represent an unacceptable level of risk that demands immediate action from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**Section III.** The Mayor and City Council hereby call upon State Representative Martin Momtahan (District 17), State Representative Joseph Gullett (District 19), State Representative Trey Kelley (District 16), State Representative Kimberly New (District 40), and State Senator and Majority Leader Jason Anavitarte (District 31) to echo our grave concerns regarding the safety of all citizens of Paulding County who travel through these dangerous intersections.

**Section IV.** The Mayor and City Council respectfully request that our state legislative delegation join us in formally requesting that the Georgia Department of Transportation immediately prioritize and fund GDOT Project 0013760 for construction in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Section V.** The Mayor and City Council urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to recognize that nine years of delay on this critical safety project is unacceptable and has likely contributed to preventable injuries, deaths, and property damage.

**Section VI.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to:

- The Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner
- State Representative Martin Momtahan
- State Representative Joseph Gullett
- State Representative Trey Kelley
- State Representative Kimberly New
- State Senator Jason Anavitarte
- The Paulding County Board of Commissioners
- Governor Brian P. Kemp

**Section VII.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2025**

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L. James Kelly, Mayor

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James Henson, Councilmember

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Christopher B. Carter, Councilmember

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Nancy R. Arnold, Councilmember

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Leah Alls, Councilmember

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Cooper Cochran, Councilmember

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Candace Callaway, Councilmember

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Clark, City Clerk