

ENGINEERING SERVICES

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Hulon T. Webb, Jr., P.E., Director of Engineering Services

Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager

Chuck Ewings, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services

Re: U.S. Highway 380 Resolution

Town Council Meeting - March 28, 2023

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon approving a Resolution supporting U.S. Highway 380 as a Controlled Access Highway within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper, in accordance with recommendations by the Texas Department of Transportation in its December 2022 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. Highway 380 from Coit Road to FM 1827, and January 2023 Draft Environmental Assessment for U.S. Highway 380 from Teel Parkway to Lakewood Drive; acknowledging the preferred alignment of the future expansion of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town is consistent with the Town's Thoroughfare Plan; requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation's final Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment reflect the alignment of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper as recommended; and authorize the Mayor to submit comments to the Texas Department of Transportation on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and/or Draft Environmental Assessment.

Description of Agenda Item:

As Council is aware, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted a feasibility study regarding the identification of an alignment for the future Controlled Access Highway of U.S. Highway 380 that began in 2017 and culminated in a formal report in March 2020. The Town of Prosper was heavily involved throughout the three (3) year feasibility study process by clearly identifying and supporting an alignment within the limits of the Town.

For the past six (6) years, the Town has remained involved and steadfast in its support of the U.S. Highway 380 project. In an effort to show support and cooperation, the Town passed seven (7) Resolutions between April 2017 and March 2022 clearly identifying the preferred alignment of keeping 380 on 380 within the Town's jurisdictional limits. Town Staff has continued to be involved and met monthly with TxDOT to collaborate on the schematic design for the Segment A alignment within the limits of Prosper (widening of U.S. Highway 380 on the current alignment). During the monthly meetings, Town Staff has taken the opportunity to reiterate its support for the Segment A alignment.

As part of TxDOT's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, TxDOT held in-person public meetings on February 16 and 21, 2023, to share the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and design schematic showing the preferred alignment of U.S. Highway 380 from Coit Road to FM 1827. In addition to the section of U.S. Highway 380 from Coit Road to FM 1827, TxDOT held a public hearing on February 23, 2023, to share the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and design schematic showing the preferred alignment of U.S. Highway 380 from Teel Parkway to Lakewood Drive. Both projects show the preferred alignment of the future expansion of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town consistent with the Town's Thoroughfare Plan.

Budget Impact:

No funding required at this time. In the future some local funds may be required for right-of-way and/or construction.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has reviewed the Resolution as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Resolution

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends that the Town Council approve a Resolution supporting U.S. Highway 380 as a Controlled Access Highway within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper, in accordance with recommendations by the Texas Department of Transportation in its December 2022 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. Highway 380 from Coit Road to FM 1827, and January 2023 Draft Environmental Assessment for U.S. Highway 380 from Teel Parkway to Lakewood Drive; acknowledging the preferred alignment of the future expansion of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town is consistent with the Town's Thoroughfare Plan; requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation's final Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment reflect the alignment of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper as recommended; and authorize the Mayor to submit comments to the Texas Department of Transportation on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and/or Draft Environmental Assessment.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve a Resolution supporting U.S. Highway 380 as a Controlled Access Highway within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper, in accordance with recommendations by the Texas Department of Transportation in its December 2022 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. Highway 380 from Coit Road to FM 1827, and January 2023 Draft Environmental Assessment for U.S. Highway 380 from Teel Parkway to Lakewood Drive; acknowledging the preferred alignment of the future expansion of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town is consistent with the Town's Thoroughfare Plan; requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation's final Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment reflect the alignment of U.S. Highway 380 within the corporate limits of the Town of Prosper as recommended; and authorize the Mayor to submit comments to the Texas Department of Transportation on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and/or Draft Environmental Assessment.