



**CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 – 8:30 A.M.
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
1601 E. MAIN STREET
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624**

Charlie Kiehne, Mayor
Tom Musselman, Councilmember
Bobby Watson, Councilmember

Jerry M. Luckenbach, Councilmember
Kathy O'Neill, Councilmember
Kent Myers, City Manager

The City of Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners Court will meet in a Joint Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 2022, at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will be held in person and the audio will be posted to the City website upon completion of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Regular Meeting.

A. Written Comments: to be submitted remotely:

- i. Must be received by 3 p.m. on February 28, 2022
- ii. Complete the Citizen Comment Form online at www.fbgtx.org; or
- iii. Email your comments to CitizenComments@fbgtx.org; or
- iv. Complete a Citizen Comment Form located inside the Public Access entrance at 126 W. Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas, and place in the box marked Citizen Comment Form.

Copies of the submitted comments will be provided to the City Council and made public on the City website under the "**February 28, 2022**, City Council Special Meeting" tab.

B. Verbal Comments:

- i. Sign up in-person between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center in order to comment.
- ii. You will be limited to 3 minutes to speak.
- iii. If any citizen has handouts for these should be provided to the City Secretary prior to speaking. If you wish the City Council to receive your handouts for the meeting, please provide 10 copies, if not the City Council will receive your handouts the following day.

4. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION AND ACTION

A. Proposed Relief Route Project

- B. Consider the approval of Joint Resolution (County #) and (City 2022-04R) of the City of Fredericksburg, Texas, and Gillespie County, Texas, to discontinue all efforts to design and construct the proposed Relief Route Project.

- C. Discussion related to proposed upcoming Joint Meetings.

5. ADJOURN

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 5:10 p.m. on February 23, 2022, on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Fredericksburg City Hall, 126 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, Texas.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

DATE: February 23, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kent Myers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Joint Resolution-Relief Route

Summary:

The attached joint resolution stating the City and County positions on the Relief Route has been revised based upon comments from the City Council and County Commissioners

Recommendation:

Following discussion at the March 1 special meeting, it is recommended that this resolution be adopted subject to any final revisions that are offered at the meeting.

Background / Analysis:

The proposed Relief Route has been the subject of many discussion and studies over the past 40 years. For the past 9 years a Relief Route Task Force has reviewed the feasibility of this roadway. Numerous public input sessions have been held during this period. And a comprehensive feasibility study was completed about two years ago.

Recently the County Judge and Mayor met to discuss the status of the Relief Route. They concurred that it was time for the County Commissioners and City Council to decide whether to continue the current efforts to design and construct this roadway. The attached joint resolution was drafted based upon guidance from the Judge and Mayor and with input from the City Council and County Commissioners.

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Attachments:

Proposed Joint Resolutoin

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

City Attorney Approval

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CITY RESOLUTION No. 2022-04R
COUNTY RESOLUTION No. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS, AND GILLESPIE COUNTY, TEXAS, TO DISCONTINUE ALL EFFORTS TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED RELIEF ROUTE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, since the 1960's, the City of Fredericksburg ("City") and Gillespie County ("County") have been discussing the concept of constructing a Relief Route around the City that would improve local traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City and County created a Relief Route Task Force with local citizens appointed to gather information on the viability of the Relief Route; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) funded a comprehensive feasibility study on the Relief Route that was completed in 2020; and

WHEREAS, this study included evaluation of several possible locations for the Relief Route with Route E being selected as the technically preferred route location; and

WHEREAS, this technically preferred route location would require the acquisition of approximately 294 acres of property for the right-of-way for the Relief Route; and

WHEREAS, the Relief Route Task Force has estimated that the right-of-way acquisition costs will be more than \$40 million, and these costs would be the responsibility of City and County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this right-of-way cost would likely have to be funded by bonds approved by local voters; and

WHEREAS, this information has been shared with local residents in a brochure that was distributed to all registered voters in the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS, AND BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GILLESPIE COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council and the Commissioners Court hereby resolve to discontinue efforts to design and construct the Relief Route, and in doing so, want to

express their appreciation to TxDOT and members of the Relief Route Task Force for their recent efforts to study the feasibility of this proposed transportation project.

Section 2. *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage by both the City and County.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS on this the ____ day of _____, 20_____.

By: _____
Charlie Kiehne, Mayor
City of Fredericksburg, Texas

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC, City Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED by the COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GILLESPIE
COUNTY, TEXAS on this the ____ day of _____, 20_____.

By: _____
Mark Strocher, County Judge
Gillespie County, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Lynn Rusche, County Clerk
Gillespie County, Texas