

RESOLUTION 2012-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY'S SOUTH PADRE ISLAND 2ND ACCESS PROJECT AND RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE AS IDENTIFIED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY.

WHEREAS, the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's mission since its inception, in 2005, is to promote safe and effective mobility, improve the quality of life for area residents, and to create quality economic development to attract job growth all through a sustainable transportation network; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA) became the lead project sponsor for the South Padre Island 2nd Access project; and

WHEREAS, since then, the CCRMA has been working in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation to submit a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the respective federal and state cooperating agencies for review and further processing; and

WHEREAS, the CCRMA through this DEIS process has identified a recommended site or alternative on the northern end of South Padre Island; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria recognizes the importance of a 2nd Access to South Padre Island as it will improve safety conditions, facilitate mobility and access for the traveling public during emergencies, promote tourism and support economic development opportunities for our region; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Access project will spur new development on South Padre Island with endless opportunities as it continues as a leading destination for local, state, national, and international visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria believes that a 2nd Access to South Padre Island is critical to the future of our region as many visitors from throughout the Rio Grande Valley and Northern Mexico also travel there on any given day or weekend; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria recognizes that the development of a project like the 2nd Access will have a tremendous positive economic impact on both job creation and economic growth to the South Texas region; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria also recognizes the need to improve safety, access and mobility for the traveling public leading to and from South Padre Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF LA FERIA UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSES ITS STRONG SUPPORT TO THE CAMERON COUNTYREGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (CCRMA) AS IT WORKS TO ESTABLISH ITS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND SEEK A RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND 2ND ACCESS PROJECT.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2012.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney