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**Resolution in Support of the Amendments to the  
HGAC 2045 Regional Transportation Plan  
15 April 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway 36A Coalition is an advocate for the development of regional transportation infrastructure from the Brazosport area to Hempstead and beyond.

**WHEREAS**, the 36A route proposed as amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan will provide an efficient and expanded transportation and freight route from Port Freeport to US 290. It involves a route from the Rosenberg\Needville\169 area in Fort Bend County to Interstate 10 (36A Southern Route) and a continuing piece from Interstate 10 to US 290 (36A Northern Route) in Waller County.

**WHEREAS**, these routes are necessary for enhanced evacuation capacity given State Highway 36 is a primary evacuation route for Southern Brazoria County and for efficient freight movement as a means of current and future need identified by H-GAC in their freight mobility efforts to route traffic outside the metropolitan core. With the groundbreaking of Port Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, ensuring that Port Freeport will be the deepest Port on the Gulf Coast and throughout the region, we need to have foresight to ensure transportation mobility is there as the Port grows, among other benefits delivered by the two projects.

**WHEREAS**, the Highway 36A Coalition is a 501(c)4 nonprofit consisting of local governments, elected officials, private businesses, and individuals working together to advocate for the responsible development of a regional transportation corridor connecting Port Freeport and the Brazosport area to north Texas and beyond without adding to the

congestion in the Houston metropolitan area. Our mission includes improving hurricane evacuation, efficient mobility, and economic development for the region and the state.

**WHEREAS**, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan is hugely important to the future planning of regional mobility, congestion mitigation, quality of life, safety, and efficient movement of goods. We appreciate the effort. TxDOT is currently underway with a 2 to 4 lane expansion from Port Freeport to Rosenberg. This route needs to continue in an efficient path to Interstate 10 and to US 290 to provide maximum benefit of evacuation safety and efficient freight mobility movement.

**WHEREAS**, H-GAC knows well that planning is the key to ensuring the most effective routes at the most reasonable costs to achieve their goals. Doing so before development occurs expands options and reduces cost. For this reason, we have particular concern that the Southern Route be incorporated this year at minimum. The pace of development in Fort Bend County poses great risk to the future location of such a route and threatens to increase cost, should they not be undertaken now. 36A Southern Route provides the key connection from Port Freeport and Brazoria County to Interstate 10 and provides enhanced evacuation, safety, freight mobility and commerce throughout the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Highway 36A Coalition hereby recommends approval for the amendments to add 36A to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.



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