



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 7- A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS the 84th Texas Legislature passed legislation proposing a constitutional amendment on the November 3, 2015 state ballot affecting the state's non-tolled roads; and

WHEREAS this is "A constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt"; and

WHEREAS this proposal will allow revenue transferred to the state highway fund to be used only for construction, maintenance, and acquiring right of ways for public roads or to repay the principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by TxDOT; and

WHEREAS this would require that any funds transferred to the state highway fund be allocated by the Texas Department of Transportation consistent with existing formulas to ensure the entire state benefits from this additional funding; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment will aid in maintaining the current infrastructure and will ease congestion by funding new projects for added capacity without any new or increased taxes or fees; and

WHEREAS a strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' quality of life and economic vitality, attracting new businesses and generating new jobs; and

WHEREAS Proposition 1, passed in 2014 was a milestone accomplishment for Transportation Funding, additional sources of revenue are needed to continue to fund the State Transportation Budget; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment would result in an estimated \$2.5 billion in 2018 and 2019 and approximately \$3 billion in 2020 for the state highway fund; and

WHEREAS while the proposed amendment would not fully fund the state's overall transportation needs, it would be a key step toward continuing critical funding for transportation projects in Texas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Houston Association supports the proposed amendment to address Texas' transportation infrastructure needs on the November 3, 2015 ballot.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2015 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST HOUSTON ASSOCIATION.

PETER C. HOUGHTON
Chairman