



## RESOLUTION NO. 20260127-04

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MULTI-STATE FUTURE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY FORMULA FUNDING PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, TexAmericas Center is a political subdivision of the State of Texas with the powers and authorities specified in Chapter 3503 of the Special District Local Law Code of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory purpose of TexAmericas Center is the redevelopment of its property by transitioning from its prior use as a military installation to privately owned businesses, industries, and commercial activities which promote regional economic development and job creation in Bowie County, Texas, and its adjacent counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of TexAmericas Center to achieve its statutory purpose is largely dependent upon having a robust and high-capacity surface transportation system for its tenants and businesses located within the TexAmericas Center Commerce Park to receive materials and transport their goods to market; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States economy must have the world's pre-eminent surface transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Future Interstate Highway Formula Funding Program will establish a predictable and stable level of federal funding to support development of congressionally authorized Future Interstates and will address the need to focus federal transportation funding on projects that provide national benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Formula Funding Program will provide needed investment in the next generation of the Interstate Highway System to keep pace with growing population and efficient freight movement demands; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Interstate Highway System is to provide a safe, efficient, and high-capacity roadway network for the movement of people and goods; and

**WHEREAS**, highways meeting interstate standards substantially enhance safety for the traveling public while also addressing emergency evacuation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of multi-state Future Interstate Highways is to expand and enhance the national transportation network by identifying and developing key corridors that will eventually meet full Interstate Highway standards, with the goal of supporting (1) National Connectivity; (2) Freight Movement; (3) Regional Economic Development; (4) Cross-Border Trade and International Commerce; (5) National Defense; (6) Emergency Evacuation; and (7) Transportation Modernization; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no dedicated federal funding to plan and construct multi-state Future Interstate Highways; and

**WHEREAS**, international trade has grown from \$39 billion in 1956 to \$5.8 trillion in 2023, an increase of 14,700 percent in 67 years, an average annual growth of 219.4 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, entry into NAFTA (1994) and now USMCA (2020) strengthened trade with Mexico and Canada and as a result land ports of entry became critical -- especially for energy, agriculture, and auto parts trade across North American corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, initially trade across the United States moved primarily east-west and the original Interstate Highway System was built to serve the east-west movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation has an increasing reliance e-commerce and just-in-time logistics, the resulting growth in freight further highlights that highways are critical for supply chains; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress in 1956 authorized an Interstate Highway System of 41,000 miles and later expanded it to a maximum of 43,000 miles; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1985 the 43,000-mile system was largely complete; and

**WHEREAS**, while incremental additions by individual states brought the current system to approximately 47,000 miles, the total constructed mileage is significantly short of the nation's long-term mobility needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the modest mileage growth of interstate highways over the past four decades reflects the need for renewed federal commitment to expanding and modernizing the Interstate System to meet 21st-century transportation, economic, and security challenges.

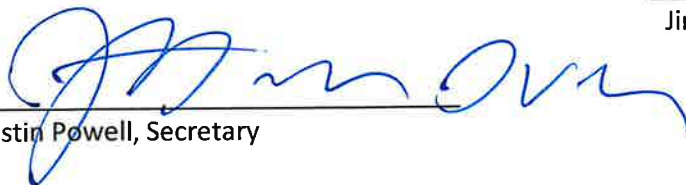
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by TexAmericas Center that:**

TexAmericas Center supports the proposal to include the Multi-State Future Interstate Highway Formula Funding Program in the next federal surface transportation authorization bill whereby federal taxpayers' funds are used for the national interest, ensuring a strong Federal role in surface transportation. Interstate Highways were developed as a national interest and Future Interstate Highways should be the same.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.**



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Jim Roberts, Chairman of the Board



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Justin Powell, Secretary