

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 28

Recitals

1. The 36A Coalition (the “Coalition”) is a Texas non-profit organization, currently comprised of three counties (Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Waller Counties), ten cities, Port Freeport, Prairie View A&M University and over 30 private corporations. Members of the Coalition appoint representatives to the Coalition’s Board of Directors. The Coalition promotes public and private investment in a regional free-flowing transportation corridor on the Texas Gulf Coast.

2. The Coalition’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) expresses its support for SB 28, which would amend Chapter 55 and introduce Chapter 56 of the Texas Transportation Code to update and implement funding capabilities of navigation districts. This legislation will also increase the Port Authority Advisory Commission membership from seven to nine members, with appointments being made by the Texas Transportation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE 36A COALITION, THAT:

Section 1. Support for Senate Bill 28. The Board hereby expresses its support for amendments to Chapters 55 and 56 of the Texas Transportation Code, that will:

- a) Amend Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code to define a “port access improvement project” and allow such projects to receive funding from the Texas Mobility Fund.
- b) Increase the membership on the Port Authority Advisory Committee from seven to nine members, with appointments coming from the Texas Transportation Commission.
- c) Introduce Chapter 56 into the Texas Transportation Code, allowing navigation districts to receive loans from Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund for the purpose of deepening or widening a ship channel.

Section 2. Further Actions. The Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to take all other actions and do all other things, as may be necessary and appropriate, to carry out or assist in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2017.

W. A. “Andy” Meyers, Chairman

Vern Hegwood, Secretary