

RESOLUTION R-16-3993

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLLEYVILLE STATING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO TEX RAIL AND PERMANENTLY BARRING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY RAIL STATION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF COLLEYVILLE

- WHEREAS**, the City Council previously adopted Resolution R-09-3132 regarding the City's opposition to rail stations within the City limits of Colleyville; and
- WHEREAS**, the City Council continues to have serious concerns relative to the merits, impacts, and viability of the TEX Rail project; and
- WHEREAS**, the anticipated capital and operating costs for TEX Rail are astronomical, especially when compared to even the most generous ridership estimates; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority has yet to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding to complete the initial \$1B capital build-out; and
- WHEREAS**, the TEX Rail project has never been subjected to voter input at the county level, thereby depriving the public and taxpayers any say over the project; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority's own final environmental report acknowledges that "vehicle traffic will not be expected to change substantially", "that at some locations TEX Rail may add traffic volumes slightly", that "overall the commuter rail alternative has negligible effects on traffic patterns and volumes", and that TEX Rail "offers no significant change" in vehicle miles traveled or vehicle hours traveled; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority also acknowledges "there will be no significant improvements in air quality or congestion" since TEX Rail is heavy diesel rail and a not a light rail system; and
- WHEREAS**, the City Council's previous request that freight traffic on the Cotton Belt Line be limited has not been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to permanently bar the City's participation in the construction or funding of a station within the City limits of Colleyville; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is adamantly opposed to TEX Rail and its negative impacts to property values, noise, safety, traffic, general character, and way of life in Colleyville; and

WHEREAS, all statutory and constitutional requirements for the passage of this Resolution have been adhered to, including but not limited to, the Texas Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS:

- Sec. 1. THAT all matters stated hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.
- Sec. 2. THAT the City of Colleyville shall be permanently barred from participating in the cost or construction of a rail station within the City limits of Colleyville.
- Sec. 3. THAT the City of Colleyville requests that the official entities that control traffic on the Cotton Belt Line limit and reduce all rail traffic on the Cotton Belt Line.
- Sec. 4. THAT the City of Colleyville opposes TEX Rail based on the negative impact its additional rail traffic will have on the quality of life in Colleyville and the overall costs of TEX Rail with no corresponding benefit.
- Sec 5. THAT the City of Colleyville requests that the NCTCOG and RTC reconsider the TEX Rail project and/or put the project up for public referendum in the November 2016 general election.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5 AYES, 2 NAYS, AND 0 ABSTENTIONS ON THIS THE 17TH DAY OF MAY 2016.

Mayor Richard Newton
Place 1, Tammy Nakamura
Place 2, Bobby Lindamood
Place 4, Jody Short

Aye
Aye
Aye
Nay

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Putnam
Place 5, Nancy Coplen
Place 6, Mike Taylor

Aye
Aye
Nay

ATTEST:


Amy Shelley, TRMC
City Secretary

CITY OF COLLEYVILLE


Richard Newton
Mayor