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The Stemmons Corridor Business Association supports the following resolution:

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE TRINITY RIVER LEVEES NOT TO BE DECLARED HISTORIC

Whereas, flood protection is one of the primary duties of all levels of government;

Whereas, the Trinity River levees in Dallas, Texas protect hundreds of thousands of lives and \$7 billion in property;

Whereas, after many repeated and positive evaluations, in 2009, the Corps rated the City of Dallas levee system as unacceptable;

Whereas, the City of Dallas has proceeded with \$25 million in contracts to analyze the existing condition and has identified \$150 million to fund the improvements necessary to make the levees acceptable and is prepared to issue construction contracts in November 2010;

Whereas, included in this action by the City is the completion of the historic analysis required by the National Environmental Policy Act;

Whereas, the City's partners on this project, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) do not agree on the methodology and approach to analyzing the historic relevance of these earthen structures;


Whereas, the City of Dallas has been working for more than ten years toward completion of two Environmental Impact Statements and their partners, the Corps and FHWA have entered into an agreement that prevents forward progress if there is a disagreement on the content, analysis, or recommendations from either agency;

Whereas, both agencies agree resolution would require substantial resources and would likely take close to twelve months to resolve and if they could not reach resolution it would go to the National Keeper of Historic Records;

Whereas, the City of Dallas does not have twelve months to wait on critical flood protection improvements for its citizens and businesses and intends on restoring 100 year flood protection to its citizens and businesses by August 2011;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Stemmons Corridor Business Association supports immediate legislative action to resolve this impasse by finding that the Trinity River corridor levees in Dallas, Texas are not historic.

ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2010



Tony Gilbert
Chairman