

CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN

RESOLUTION #216

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE DIVERSION OF TRANSPORTATION USER REVENUES TO NON-TRANSPORTATION USES AND THE APPROPRIATION OF ALL REVENUE GENERATED FROM HIGHWAY USER FEES AND TAXES TO FUND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, The Texas Transportation Institute estimates that Americans spend 38 additional hours in travel time annually due to inadequate and undersized infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The additional congestion wasted 2.9 billion gallons of fuel and cost over \$78 billion in time and fuel; and

WHEREAS, The additional 38 hours in congestion equates to almost five vacation days that would be better spent with family and friends, an increase from 14 hours wasted in 1982, and

WHEREAS, Maintaining aging highway infrastructure throughout Texas and expanding the highway system for statewide connectivity and maintaining urban mobility requires far greater investment in transportation infrastructure needs throughout the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, It is estimated that over **\$14 Billion dollars** has been diverted from State Highway Fund 006 revenues since 1986; funds that are badly needed for infrastructure improvements to address infrastructure needs throughout the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Because the quality of life for Texans today and in the future will not be measured by any increase number of hours in congestion, it is no longer sound public policy to divert existing transportation revenues to non- transportation uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City of Highland Haven, TEXAS; THAT The city of Highland Haven, Texas supports the discontinuation of the diversion of transportation revenues to non-transportation sources and the appropriation of all revenues from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS ON THE 16th DAY OF September, 2008

Peter E. Freehill,
Mayor

Jeanne M. Ormiston
City Secretary