

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA SUPPORTING AN INTERSTATE CONNECTION BETWEEN I-10 AND I-65 FOR THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF DEFENSE AND NON-DEFENSE MOTORIZED TRAFFIC WITHIN THE REGION DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY OR NORMAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR ON LAND DONATED BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN WITHIN OKALOOSA COUNTY THAT WOULD ASSIST IN THE CONNECTION OF THE CORRIDOR SOUTH AND NORTH OF I-10; PROVIDING THAT THIS PROJECT BE RANKED #1 ON THE NEEDS LIST TO BE FUNDED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS; URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUPPORT THIS VITAL TRANSPORTATION NEED IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CHIPLEY BRANCH; THE FORT WALTON BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO); THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is in the last stages of completing the construction of a four-lane highway from the Georgiana I-65 interconnection to Andalusia, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has indicated funding sources are available to construct a four-lane highway to the Alabama state line to meet a four-lane highway constructed in Alabama, which will connect Interstate 10 to Interstate 65; and

WHEREAS, there are no four-lane highways connecting the states of Alabama and Florida other than in the Mobile and Dothan areas, leaving a vast population in South Central Alabama and the Florida panhandle with inadequate transportation routes; and

WHEREAS, past weather experiences have demonstrated a great need for the emergency evacuation of defense and non-defense citizens from the region; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this proposed highway would provide an excellent transportation corridor, generating untold economic benefits to an economically depressed rural area, and would provide an excellent emergency evacuation route for hundreds of thousands of defense and non-defense users and ordinary transportation needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA THAT:

1. The Town supports an I-10/I-65 connector construction project and urges the organization of a Coalition of Governments along this proposed corridor in Florida and Alabama to use whatever means available to solicit the support of the Federal Government (Highway Trust Fund, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Defense), the State of Florida, private citizens and the State of Alabama to accomplish the completion of this project.

2. A copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation, Chipley, Branch, the Fort Walton Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Okaloosa County League of Cities expressing Crestview's support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2002.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL 2002

APPROVED:

Sara Carroll, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nell Webb, Town Manager/Clerk