

## RESOLUTION NO. 09-1313

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF EULESS AND THE C.R.A.S.H. UNIT OF HEB**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) adopted "Resolution R08-10 Supporting a Comprehensive, Coordinated, Interagency Approach to Freeway Incident Management" on October 9, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, such an approach to freeway incident management responds to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and addresses the fact that commuters have experienced an increase in travel time due to congestion, resulting in unacceptable levels of vehicle emissions and lost productivity due to traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing traffic congestion and related impacts on air quality, energy, safety, and quality of life are primary goals of "Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas Fort Worth Area;" and

**WHEREAS**, congestion mitigation is an integral element of The Metropolitan Transportation Plan, with a total program cost of about \$3.1 billion, and congestion mitigation strategies are intended to decrease congestion in the Dallas Fort Worth Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, multi-agency coordination and implementation of "best practices" Freeway Incident Management techniques reduce congestion on affected roadways and improve the safety of incident responders.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS, THAT:**

#### **SECTION 1**

The City of Euless supports the quick detection and clearance of traffic incidents using state-of-the-art traffic surveillance, traveler notification, crash investigation equipment, specialized training, and specialized operating procedures.

#### **SECTION 2**

The City of Euless supports enhanced geographic information systems (GIS) based incident location that will aid incident reporters and responders in the timely detection and verification of incidents.

### SECTION 3

The City of Euless, along with the cities of Hurst and Bedford, entered into an Interlocal Agreement on November 3, 1999, and created the C.R.A.S.H. UNIT of HEB (Combined Reconstruction & Accident Specialists of Hurst-Euless-Bedford), with the objective of creating a specialized traffic accident investigation unit responsible for investigating major motor vehicle accidents within their city limits, have established an operating procedure as a guideline, have been sending their personnel to specialized training for these skills, and have been successfully operating this program since 1999.

### SECTION 4

The CRASH UNIT of HEB creates a specialized accident investigation and response unit in order to make efficient use of available resources and to help accomplish the recommendations of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council in order to address air quality, freeway congestion, and the safety of incident responders and citizens.

### SECTION 5

The City of Euless Police and Fire Departments attend specialized training at NCTCOG to better familiarize themselves with the Freeway Incident Management goals and to address the safety of incident responders and travelers while minimizing freeway clearance time.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the North Central Texas Council of Governments for their distribution as needed for the quality and safety of the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex Region.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Euless City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Lib Saleh, Mayor

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Susan Crim, TRMC, City Secretary