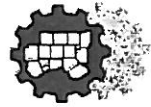


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The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)



TO: Mayors, County Judges,
County Commissioners, City Managers,
County Administrators

DATE: October 12, 2009

FROM: B. Glen Whitley, Chair, Regional Transportation Council
County Judge, Tarrant County

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Council
Position Statement on Proposition 1

The issue of compatible land use planning surrounding military installations has become one of increasing importance throughout the State and the nation. Within our region, a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) was initiated in 2006 by the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB), the surrounding communities and the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The purpose of the study is to identify the actions needed to enable the continued co-existence of the installation and the communities through compatible land use planning and community support.

The 81st Texas Legislature has also begun addressing this problem by passing HJR 132. This legislation calls for a constitutional amendment election that will allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installation areas. This authority creates additional tools for local governments to encourage compatible land use to prevent encroachment and/or to construct infrastructure to protect the installation. This measure will be on the November 3, 2009, ballot as Proposition 1.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) unanimously voted to support Proposition 1 and a copy of the position statement is enclosed. Please encourage your City Council or Commissioners Court to pass a resolution supporting Proposition 1 and also encourage your residents to vote for this measure in November.

On behalf of the RTC, thank you for being involved with this important transportation issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments at (817) 695-9241.

B. Glen Whitley
Chair, Regional Transportation Council
County Judge, Tarrant County

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Enclosure



NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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October 2009

November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election Position Statement

Statewide Proposition 1

The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation.

The Regional Transportation Council **supports** Proposition 1. If approved, new funding tools could become available for cities and the county to protect the mission of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth through voluntary land acquisition to prevent encroachment or to construct infrastructure to support the installation. Compatible land use planning is vital to protect the mission at NAS JRB Fort Worth and to ensure the safety of residents and businesses near the installation.

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