## TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

NAVARRO County

## MINUTE ORDER

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**DALLAS** District

In <u>NAVARRO COUNTY</u>, on <u>INTERSTATE 45</u> (I-45), a designated controlled-access highway, the State of Texas controls the access to or from such facility. The City of Corsicana (city) proposes extending Regal Drive, an existing public street, to intersect the I-45 frontage road to eliminate the part of Regal Drive which currently connects to SH 31 at an unsafe location. The proposed access point is planned at approximately 620 feet north of the intersection of the I-45 frontage road with SH 31 and 100 feet north of the existing I-45 northbound entrance ramp (new access point). The existing connection of Regal Drive to SH 31 will then be removed.

Transportation Code, §201.103 empowers the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to plan and make policies for the location, construction, and maintenance of a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads.

Transportation Code, §203.002 authorizes the commission to layout, construct, maintain, and operate a modern state highway system, with an emphasis on the construction of controlled access highways. Transportation Code, §203.031 authorizes the commission to designate locations on a controlled access highway at which access to or from the highway is permitted and determine the type and extent of access permitted at each location.

It is the opinion of the commission that the designation of this new access point as a location where access is permitted for a local public street will enhance mobility, safety and operation of the state highway facility along this segment of I-45, as well as improve traffic circulation on the local street network.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the proposed location of the new access point for the city street is necessary for the mobility, safety and operation of the I-45 state highway facility and that it is designated as a public roadway access point where ingress and egress is permitted to and from the I-45 frontage road.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when the new access point is opened to traffic, access to and from SH 31 for the existing connection of Regal Drive is denied.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Design Division

Recommended by:

Executive Director 112220 MAR 25 I

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