

RESOLUTION NO. 960

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, TEXAS, SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED, INTERAGENCY APPROACH TO FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION R08-10 ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, ENHANCE SAFETY FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, REDUCE SECONDARY CRASHES, IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP POLICIES FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy board associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and

WHEREAS, the RTC adopted Resolution R08-10 (an update to RTC Resolution R03-01) that supports a comprehensive, coordinated, interagency approach to Freeway Incident Management; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the NCTCOG Freeway Incident Management Training Program is to initiate a common, coordinated response to traffic incidents that will built partnerships, enhance safety for emergency personnel, reduce secondary traffic crashes, improve the efficiency of the transportation system, and improve air quality in the Dallas- Fort Worth region; and

WHEREAS, non-recurring traffic incidents are responsible for about 50% percent of all congestion and the secondary crashes caused by these incidents kill or injure hundreds annually in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

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

WHEREAS, effective policies, training, equipment and technology that aid in quick incident clearance can both assist with keeping motorists and first responders safe on the roadway and assist in improved air quality for the region; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with regional incident response agencies, NCTCOG has established definitions for regional incident management performance measures: incident clearance time, roadway clearance time, secondary crash, and recovery time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL THAT:

- Section 1.** The City of Terrell supports a comprehensive, coordinated, interagency approach to Freeway Incident Management.
- Section 2.** The City of Terrell supports the quick detection and clearance of traffic incidents using state-of-the-art traffic surveillance, traveler notification and crash investigation equipment.
- Section 3.** The City of Terrell encourages all personnel involved in Freeway Incident Management to participate in available training opportunities and exercises that promote the objectives within this Resolution—a common, comprehensive approach that maintains the safety of incident responders and travelers, while minimizing clearance time.
- Section 4.** The City of Terrell supports an enhanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based incident location system that will aid incident reporters and responders in the timely detection and verification of incidents.
- Section 5.** The City of Terrell supports a uniform policy whereby law enforcement agency personnel may remove personal property from a roadway or right-of-way, without the consent of the owner or carrier of the property, if the agency determines that the property blocks the roadway or endangers public safety.
- Section 6.** The City of Terrell supports adopting a quick clearance policy or towing ordinance that mandates the arrival of appropriate equipment within a specified time limit.
- Section 7.** The City of Terrell supports the use and tracking of regional incident management performance measures.
- Section 8.** The City of Terrell supports the development of interagency agreements for incident management operations that include safe, quick clearance goals stated as time goals for incident clearance.
- Section 9.** The City of Terrell supports participation in multi-disciplinary post incident reviews after major incidents to share lessons learned.
- Section 10.** The City of Terrell supports consistent, coordinated operational strategies for major freeway and toll road projects that include quick incident clearance practices and that these strategies will be consistently adopted prior to major freeway and toll

road improvement expenditures in order to ensure that the expected mobility benefits are realized.

Section 11. The City Council of the City of Terrell directs staff to develop and bring forth a set of policies and/or ordinance consistent with the principles contained herein for the City Council consideration.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after the date of passage and is so **RESOLVED**.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of January, 2020.



E. RICK CARMONA, Mayor

ATTEST:



DAWN STEIL, Acting City Secretary

