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TO: Mayor & City Council

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SUBJECT: Study and Implementation of a commercial vehicle safety route along Quintana Rd., Bynum Rd. and New Laredo Highway

DATE: May 14, 2014

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully request your support in directing city staff to prepare options and cost estimates associated with the creation of a commercial vehicle safety route along Quintana Rd., Bynum Rd. and New Laredo Highway. This area is comprised of a large industrial hub with adjacent residential areas and institutions. The growth and success of the Eagle Ford Shale has contributed to the increase in large commercial trucks entering and exiting the railport at Port San Antonio. The intent of a commercial vehicle safety study is to establish a preferred route for ingress/egress of large commercial vehicles that service the railport and other nearby operations and direct them to major highways in the area including US 90 and Interstate Highways 10, 35, and 37. The creation of a commercial vehicle safety route will also work to restore safety in these corridors that support heavy use by pedestrians, bicyclists and public transit. A reduction of noise pollution, dust and emissions into adjacent residential neighborhoods are other added benefits of a preferred route.

Brief Background

The East Kelly Railport is home to over 7 companies/operations which provide logistics and warehousing to its customers. Recently, with the success of the Eagle Ford Shale, operations from area businesses (including the railport) have increased to the point that it is now a significant concern for the surrounding community. Many who use these corridors are students, parents, and employees who travel to area institutions including: St. Philip's College Southwest Campus, South San Community Center, Price Elementary School, Carrillo Elementary School, Athens Elementary School, Dwight Middle School, and SA Youth. The area targeted sits at the center of a railway intersection which services the NAFTA Corridor from Mexico to Canada, as well as the East and West Coasts of the United States. Since this railport has access to two Class I railroads, Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, it will continue to attract customers and maintain an edge for San Antonio in this highly competitive global market. Ultimately, by working with the Port and area stakeholders to create this safety corridor, we can restore safety and enhance quality of life for area residents and allow for additional growth for the transportation and logistics industry in San Antonio.

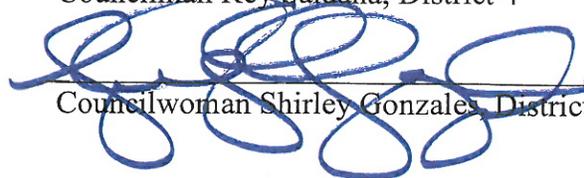
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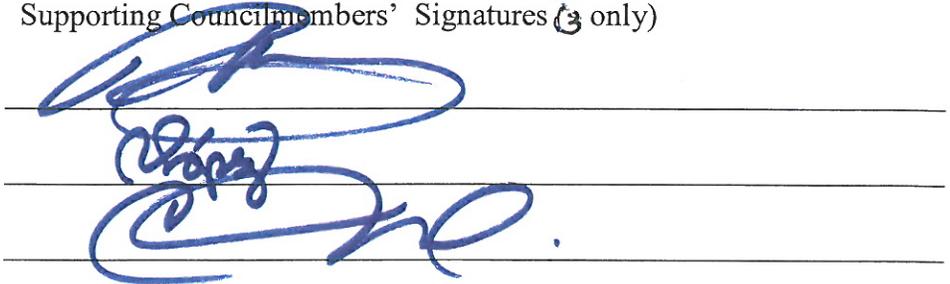


Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, District 5

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