



OAK HILL ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighbors in service to southwest Travis County

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Resolution in Support of Flow and Safety Improvements to RM 1826

WHEREAS, the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods is an umbrella association of more than 35 neighborhoods in southwest Austin and southwest Travis County,

WHEREAS, the populations of the City of Austin and Travis County have been growing at the highest rates of all regions in the United States, and this trend is forecast to continue over the next 10 to 20 years,

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has designated RM 1826 to be built as a 4-lane divided road with a center turn lane, sidewalks, and a wide shoulder,

WHEREAS, traffic congestion on Hwy 290 West and Loop 1 South (MoPac) causes drivers of automobiles and trucks to use shorter routes that often include portions of RM 1826,

WHEREAS, RM 1826 is currently a two-lane road without shoulders or safe left turn lanes and a posted speed limit of 55 MPH,

WHEREAS, the northern 5 miles of RM 1826 contains residential subdivisions on either side and includes a hospital and a middle school,

WHEREAS, the RM 1826 crossing over Slaughter Creek is dangerous for vehicles, equestrians, and pedestrians and does not have the minimum required safeguards for a bridge on a state roadway,

WHEREAS, bicycle traffic has increased on RM 1826 as vehicular traffic has increased causing an unsafe condition for users of the road attempting to access the Slaughter Creek Wildlands bike and equestrian trails,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods requests the Texas Department of Transportation, Travis County, and the City of Austin to allocate funding to plan, design, and construct a center turn lane, shoulders, and including, but not limited to, safe passage for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and automobiles over Slaughter Creek, beginning on the northern section of RM 1826, to improve the safety for all users of the roadway.

Passed by unanimous consent on May 14, 2014.

Jim Schissler, President
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