

RESOLUTION 2008—1
Louise ISD Board's Position on Trans-Texas Corridor

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress designated I-69 as a high priority corridor through legislative acts in 1991 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) unveiled the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC), a 4,000 mile multi-modal transportation system, as an initiative to accommodate Texas future transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Trans-Texas Corridor could be as much as one quarter mile wide providing multiple vehicle lanes for car and truck traffic, rail lines for freight and passenger trains, and right-of-way property for future utility use; and

WHEREAS, if the Trans-Texas Corridor were built in the current Recommended Preferred Corridor it would create another major thoroughfare through the middle of the Louise Independent School District impacting bus routes and creating additional safety concerns with regards to student transportation; and

WHEREAS, if the Trans-Texas Corridor were built in the current Recommended Preferred Corridor it has the potential to negatively impact the taxable values of the Louise Independent School District, thereby negatively impacting the District's tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Louise Independent School District believes that the purposes of the Trans-Texas Corridor could more effectively and efficiently be met with improvements to the current major thoroughfare through the District, U.S. Highway 59;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Louise Independent School District opposes the Recommended Preferred Corridor and any plans for the Trans-Texas Corridor other than a plan that follows the existing footprint of U.S. Highway 59 through Wharton County.

Approved and adopted this 17th day of March, 2008

Zack Williamson, Board President

ATTEST:

Debbie Townsend, Board Secretary