

CITY OF LLANO
RESOLUTION 2016-03-07-1
SUPPORTING
CITIZENS FOR SCENIC HIGHWAYS
2016/2017 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT
CENTRAL TEXAS – GATEWAY TO THE HILL COUNTRY
TEXAS HIGHWAY 281 AND 71 INTERSECTION

WEHERE AS: The City of Llano, established 1856, population in excess of 3295, is located within Llano County Texas which is one of twenty-five counties that Texas Parks and Wildlife has defined as the Texas Hill Country

WHEREAS: Burnet County, founded in 1852, population of in excess of 43,943, is one of Twenty-five Texas counties Texas Parks and Wildlife has identified as counties in the Texas Hill Country region.

WHEREAS: Llano County is linked to international, national and state highway systems via Texas Highway 281 (North and Southbound), Texas Highway 71 (East and West bound) and Texas Highway 29 (East and West Bound)

WHEREAS: The intersection of Texas Highways 281 and Highway71 serves as a Central Texas threshold to Hill Country counties from major population centers North, East, and South of the region and serves as the major traffic thoroughfare for commuters, tourists and business transportation all vital to the economies of the Hill Country communities in the region.

WHEREAS: Llano County, and all Hill Country region counties, depend on the major economic contribution of seasonal wildflower, hunting, Highland Lake and resort recreational activities which attracts thousands annually to all communities within the multi-county Hill Country region.

WHEREAS: The TXDOT highway intersection of median, easement and cloverleaf section comprise approximately 1,306,800 square feet (30 acres) of grassy areas and native tree clusters.

WHEREAS: A citizen volunteer effort proposed a highway beautification project to TXDOT in October 2015 to include (Phase 1) vegetation management – tree trimming, underbrush removal, brush and dead growth removal to allow highlight of stately native trees, and (Phase 2) abundant wildflower seeding in Fall 2016 and Fall of 2017.

WHEREAS: For the purpose of this citizen proposed beautification project, this state highway intersection is hereby designated the **Central Texas - Gateway to the Hill Country.**

WHEREAS: The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Burnet and Johnson City Districts in Burnet and Blanco Counties have full jurisdiction on the management and maintenance of State Highways 281 and 71 are petitioned to support this beautification project

WHEREAS: TXDOT, Johnson City District, Blanco County, elected in January 2016 to initiate

Phase 1, vegetation management, to be continued to completion as TXDOT manpower and equipment schedules allow.

WHEREAS: Under the terms of a TXDOT Landscape Partnership agreement, the volunteer citizen group, hereby known as **Citizens for Scenic Texas Highways** will as “DONOR” raise funds from individuals, businesses and major employers in the region to purchase wildflower seed mixes to include Bluebonnet, Indian Paint Brush and Indian Blanket wildflowers.

WHEREAS: DONOR will purchase wildflower seed mixes to be delivered to TXDOT for planting by TXDOT maintenance crews in Fall of 2016 and Fall F017 to assure years of seasonal abundant displays of wildflower color in medians, easements and cloverleaf sections this state highway intersection.

WHEREAS: The Central Texas - Gateway to the Hill Country Beautification Project will enhance the region and serve as a welcome to thousands of commuters and tourists who travel these roadways and make a critical contribution to the economic base of the multi county Hill Country region.

NOW, THEREFOR IT IS RESOLVED, The City of Llano, in Llano County supports the Central Texas – Gateway to the Hill Country Beautification Project and encourages TXDOT to support and facilitate its implementation to completion. Citizens of the City of Llano are encouraged to support this and all state and county agendas that assure safe and beautiful roadways.



Mike Reagon

Mayor, Mike Reagon

ATTEST:

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Toni Milam, City Secretary, TRMC