

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE DOWNTOWN TYLER TRAFFIC STUDY; SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE DATA AND THE HYBRID OPTION WHEN MAKING DECISIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN DOWNTOWN; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to promote the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code Section 311.001(a) provides that a home-rule municipality has exclusive control over and under the public highways, streets, and alleys of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) coordinates transportation planning for the greater Smith County area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has conducted a Downtown Tyler Traffic Study to analyze current travel patterns and forecast patterns after the construction of the new Smith County Courthouse and redevelopment of major sites in downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Tyler Traffic Study has modeled the impacts of constructing street improvements in accordance with local planning efforts conducted by Smith County through its consultant Fitzpatrick Architects and by the City of Tyler through its consultant Toole Design; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Tyler Traffic Study is scheduled to be adopted by the MPO's Transportation Policy Committee on May 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Toole Design's vision, which included reducing all vehicle travel on Broadway to two lanes to improve pedestrian and bicycle travel within the downtown (Option 1), was analyzed; and

WHEREAS, the Kimley-Horn staff developed a Second Option, the hybrid option (Option 2), that kept the current number of vehicle lanes at the edge of downtown and necked down the number of lanes as a driver approaches the County Square; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepts the results of the Downtown Tyler Traffic Study and supports the use of the data when making decisions for improvements in downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports Option 2, the hybrid option, when making decisions for improvements in downtown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the City of Tyler, Texas, acting through its governing body, hereby supports the Downtown Tyler Traffic Study.

PART 2: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 26th day of April, A.D. 2023.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK




DEBORAH G. PULLUM,
CITY ATTORNEY