|   |   | AGENDA ITEM 7         |
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| BOARD OF TRUSTEES<br>AGENDA   |   |                       |
|   | Workshop Regular  | Special               |
| (A)   | Report Only   | Recognition           |
|   | Presenter(s):   |                       |
| Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation. |   |                       |
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| <b>(B)</b>  |   |                       |
|   | Presenter(s): MR. GILBERTO GONZALEZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  |                       |
|   | Briefly describe the action required.   |                       |
|   | CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO<br>APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018/2019-07 IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL<br>TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PLAN. |                       |
| (C) Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.   |   |                       |
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| (D)   | Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might this item.   | t be raised regarding |
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Hilda Mauricio <hmauricio@eaglepassisd.net>

## Fwd: Special Request from Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu

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Gilberto Gonzalez <ggonzalez@eaglepassisd.net> To: Hilda Mauricio <hmauricio@eaglepassisd.net> Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 4:20 PM

please add this item (resolution) to the agenda for the November 13 regular board meeting.

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------Forwarded message ------From: <ernie.gonzalez@emcstrategygroup.com> Date: Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 3:48 PM Subject: Special Request from Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu To: ggonzalez@eaglepassisd.net

Superintendent Gonzalez, Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu respectfully request the opportunity to make a brief presentation at a school board meeting to seek a resolution from the district in support of a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan. Attached, please find a copy of the City of Eagle Pass' Transportation Resolution. Please contact me directly at 210.687.7970. Thank you for your support!

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICCT OF EAGLE PASS, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RECOMMENDATION TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAYS OF US 57, US 90, US 277 AND US 83 TO ALIGMENT TO INTERSTATE STANDARDS THROUGHTOUT THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE REGION, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PLAN.

WHEREAS, Mexico is the United Sates' third largest trading partner, and Texas's largest trading partner. Texas has over 1,255-mile border with Mexico and accounts for over 64 percent of the total U.S.-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, The Ports-to-Plains Corridor links Laredo to Eagle Pass via I-35, US-83, and US-277, which connects Eagle Pass to Del Rio. From Del Rio, the corridor travels north via US-277 to San Angelo, then via US-87 to Lubbock, where it joins with I-27, which connects Lubbock to Amarillo. The Ports-to Plains Corridor serves the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna International Bridge, the Camino Real International Bridge (Eagle Pass), and the World Trade and Colombia Solidarity Bridge in Laredo. The projected increase in trade with Mexico will require increased investments in Texas's border crossings and transportation corridors to ensure the efficient flow of U.S.-Mexico trade across the Texas-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, the Planned Highway Investments in TXDOT's Laredo District Facilitating Trade include US-83, US-90, US-277, US-57. Laredo's District has 79 planned highway projects on the trade corridors and connectors to the corridors over the next 10 years at a total estimated cost of \$546.37 million; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Eagle Pass Independent School District supports the Texas Department of Transportation highway investments scheduled for years 2018 through 2022 that will provide the needed highway transportation improvements of our Middle Rio Grande Region; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Eagle Pass Independent School District is seeking support for a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan to be developed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). This will address transportation and infrastructure needs to support economic growth, reduce traffic congestion, and improve commuter/traveler safety; and

WHEREAS, The Middle Rio Grande Development Council and the City of Eagle Pass have already approved resolutions in support of the plans to have more Super Two highway sections and four-lane highways, improved safety measures, transportation projects that will support economic development, and addressing local transportation needs tied to TXDOT controlled roads and highways.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**SECTION 1.** That the School Board of the Eagle Pass Independent School District supports the Eagle Pass District's Ports-to-Plains Corridor highway projects for upgrading the existing regional transportation corridors of US-83, US-90, US-277, and US-57, and the development of a Regional Transportation Corridor Plan to be developed by TXDOT ensuring the efficiency flow of U.S.-Mexico trade across the Texas-Mexico border and to other U.S. Markets.

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

**Board President** 

School Superintendent