



STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

## **RESOLUTION #2009-16**

### **SUPPORTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND JOB CREATION IN COMAL COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the provision of federal stimulus dollars; and

WHEREAS, this bill is the first crucial step in a concerted effort to create and save 3 to 4 million jobs, jumpstart our economy, and begin the process of transforming it for the 21<sup>st</sup> century with \$275 billion in economic recovery tax cuts and \$550 billion in thoughtful and carefully targeted priority investments with unprecedented accountability measures built in; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court is committed to supporting economic recovery and job creation for the citizens of Comal County, Texas during these tough economic times; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court has identified several key projects that are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of Comal County residents and with the goal of stimulating economic recovery as well as providing job creation here in Comal County; and

WHEREAS, the County has developed three projects that are or soon will be “shovel ready,” thereby providing immediate economic stimulus to the Comal County area, and could be bid immediately or within 90 days :

The Comal County Justice Center: Providing much needed expansion for the County’s criminal and civil justice services; needed security upgrades to protect judges, jurors, defendants, County employees, and the general public; said construction costs are estimated to be \$36 million; and bid documents will be ready within 90 days.

The Comal County Flood Retarding Structure on the Dry Comal: Providing a massive public works concrete flood protection dam for the residents of Comal County and New Braunfels; construction costs are estimated to be \$12 million; project engineering is complete, environmental clearances are in hand and project is ready to bid now.

The Comal County Courthouse Restoration: Providing a much needed restoration to Comal County's historic courthouse; plans and engineering are complete, environmental and historical clearance are in hand; construction costs are estimated at \$16 million; and the project is ready to bid now.

WHEREAS, the County has two recommended highway infrastructure projects that can provide long term economic stimulus to the Comal County area:

Improvements of State Highway 46 from Old Boerne Road to Sun Valley Road with an estimated construction cost of \$60 million; and

Improvements to FM 306 from Interstate 35 to US Highway 281 to provide passing lanes and widened shoulders with an estimated construction cost of \$25 million.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas does hereby request that Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Congressman Lamar Smith support the above-identified key projects that are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of Comal County residents and with the goal of stimulating economic recovery as well as providing job creation here in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Danny Scheel, County Judge

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Donna Eccleston  
Commissioner, Pct. #1

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Commissioner, Pct. #2

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Joy Streater, County Clerk