Aggie Highway – College Station to Houston Toll Road Resolution

Whereas, the proposed 249 Corridor will significantly reduce travel time between Bryan-College Station and Houston; and,

Whereas, shorter commutes will greatly increase opportunities for collaboration between researchers at Texas A&M University and in Houston, including the Medical Center; and,

Whereas, shorter commutes will improve opportunities for dual-career couples, thus encouraging world-class faculty to work and remain at Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas, the shorter drive will encourage more academic visitors, meetings, and conference to come to Texas A&M University;

Resolved, that to improve academic opportunities, the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University supports the development of the 249 Corridor and urges the Texas Department of Transportation to move quickly towards its development, funding, and construction.
The proposed SH249 corridor is the most direct and natural route to provide a high-speed connection between the Houston Metro area and Bryan/College Station.

The developing corridor is an economic catalyst for this region of the State of Texas - connecting Texas A&M University and the National Bio-Security Center and its ancillary bio-medical developments with the world-famous Texas Medical Center.

Other major developments such as Exxon's new world headquarters and the Woodlands increase the need for a new world-class, 21st century transportation corridor.

The new SH249 corridor would reduce travel times between Texas A&M University and George Bush Intercontinental Airport by 30 minutes.

Initial funding is in place and project development is underway by both the Harris County Toll Road Authority and Montgomery County Toll Road Authority to build the first 10.4 miles of the new corridor from north of the Sam Houston Tollway (Cypress Creek Road) to FM1774 near Pinehurst.

TxDOT has initiated SH249 corridor development and environmental studies from FM1774 in Pinehurst to FM1774 in Grimes County.

Through the SH249 Partnership local elected officials, economic development groups, community and business leaders and land owners have expressed their support for the project.