

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Resolution 2007-14

## Endorsing Motor Fuels Tax Indexing in Texas

**WHEREAS**, it is readily apparent, on a daily basis, that there is increasing congestion on roadways in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that traffic stagnation increases poor air quality for all Texans, reduces our coveted quality of life and impedes the expedient delivery of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, projections indicate that the Texas Department of Transportation will continue to fall further behind in the construction and repair of Texas roadways given current TxDOT funding limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, rampant population growth and increased commercial transportation estimates are forcing TxDOT to look to alternative sources of funding such as toll roads, higher toll rates, and "pass through financing" programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the spiraling costs for petroleum and related products exacerbate an already critical challenge for sustaining roadway construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the motor fuels tax is one of the few state revenue sources that does not grow with the economy; and

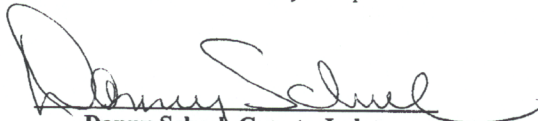
**WHEREAS**, indexing the motor fuels tax to track growth in the economy would provide a more balanced source of revenue with which to fund roadway capacity needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the state tax rate on motor fuels has remained unchanged since 1991 while costs of roadway maintenance and construction have grown substantially over the same period; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commissioners' Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby urge the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to adjust the motor fuels tax through use of a "highway cost index" to enable its revenue to grow with the economy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007.

  
Danny Scheel, County Judge

  
Jack Dawson, Commissioner Pct 1

  
Jay Millikin, Commissioner Pct 2

  
Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pct 3

  
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Attest:   
Joy Streater, County Clerk