

RESOLUTION NO. 14-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING IMPLEMENTATION OF TOLL LANES ON I-405 AND ALL OTHER ORANGE COUNTY FREEWAYS WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ENTIRE ORANGE COUNTY ELECTORATE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES, DETERMINES AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in association with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the cities adjacent to the I-405 Freeway Corridors between the SR-73 and I-605 freeways, has been working on the I-405 Freeway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a strong push to implement High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes by converting existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to HOT Lanes, requiring the paying of tolls to use previously non-toll lanes; and

WHEREAS, toll lanes only increase vehicle throughput in the Express toll lanes at the expense of vehicle capacity in the general purpose or mixed flow lanes; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Orange County approved Measure M2 without approving conversion of existing freeway facilities to toll lanes; and

WHEREAS, polling of the voters of Orange County prior to placing Measure M2 on the ballot indicated that Measure M2 would not have passed had it included toll lanes or conversion of existing freeway facilities to toll lanes; and

WHEREAS, any construction of new toll lanes or conversion of existing freeway lanes to toll lanes should be required to be placed on a ballot to allow the voters of Orange County to voice their opinion regarding toll lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees with OCTA that this is possibly the only chance in decades to improve the I-405 corridor between SR-73 and I-605, and because of this rare opportunity, the City believes the socially, economically, and politically responsible action is to construct the greatest transportation improvements that best utilizes taxpayer funds without requiring motorists to pay tolls to use portions of the improvements constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa opposes the establishment of toll lanes on the I-405 Freeway and any freeway in Orange County without a vote of the Orange County electorate.

James M. Righeimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

Thomas Duarte, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Resolution No. 14-55 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of August, 2014, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 6th day of August, 2014.

BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK