



**AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL**

ITEM NO. 16

MEETING DATE: July 6, 2021

AGENDA PLACEMENT:

- Ceremonial
- Consent
- Individual
- Closed Session

CAPTION:

Discussion of and direction on a request by the City of Johnson City requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) implement a dedicated center turn lane on U.S. Hwy. 290 from its intersection with U.S. Hwy. 281 to its intersection with Avenue J. (Staff)

STRATEGIC WORK PLAN:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: Improve Fire Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Increase Housing Diversity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Improve Streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Expand Quality Lodging | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 7: Increase Publicity & Promotion of the Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: Improve Code Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 8: Increase Economic Development Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4: Improve Streetscaping & Signage | |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the City Council's adoption of a Resolution on June 1, 2021 requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) study and implement, if warranted, a dedicated turn lane from U.S. Hwy. 281 at its intersection with U.S. Hwy. 290 to the Pedernales River Bridge and an emergency vehicle traffic control signal or preemption device at U.S. Hwy. 281 and Ranch Road 2766 (A. Robinson Road), the Mayor and City Staff met with TxDOT representatives on June 21, 2021 to discuss the matter. TxDOT is amenable to striping a dedicated turn lane as development occurs along said portions of U.S. Hwy. 281. Further, TxDOT is amenable to installing a preemption device at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 281 and RR 2766.

During the meeting our attention turned to traffic flow and safety on U.S. Hwy. 290 between U.S. Hwy. 281 and Avenue J. TxDOT is agreeable to restriping U.S. Hwy. 290 and creating a dedicated turn lane; however, both TxDOT and City Staff are mindful of the potential effects on commercial properties fronting U.S. Hwy. 290; the current road shoulder would be eliminated to accommodate

the dedicated turn lane, and business patrons would be required to park on side streets, rather than in front of buildings.

This item is placed on the Agenda as a *discussion only* item in order for City Staff to gauge City Council's thoughts on the matter.

FINANCIAL: N/a

ATTACHMENTS: N/a

SUGGESTED ACTION: N/a

PREPARED BY: City Staff

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/2/21