

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, DECLARING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR EVALUATING THE DESIGNATION OF E-470 AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ROUTE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY THE E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF THE CITY'S POSITION

WHEREAS, in May of 2018, the E-470 Public Highway Authority ("Authority") sent a letter to the City of Brighton, Colorado ("City"), soliciting assistance from the City in pursuing the designation of E-470 as a Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Route; and

WHEREAS, City staff has since researched current HazMat routes, potential sections of highway designation, the process to designate a route, the positions of other local governmental jurisdictions, and the Brighton Fire Rescue District's position; and

WHEREAS, City staff has also reviewed the City's Comprehensive Plan and weighed the pros and cons of designating Brighton's portion of E-470 as a HazMat route; and

WHEREAS, the City's position is that another east-west HazMat route may be needed in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City's position is that allowing this type of transportation on E-470 could potentially minimize the number and severity of potential conflicting transportation movements and risk on local arterials; and

WHEREAS, the City's position is that, given the nature and character of the vehicles transporting hazardous materials, the design and construction specifications of the E-470 transportation system is suited far better for these vehicles than local transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that advancing a criteria-driven review process will yield the necessary data to determine whether such a designation will improve safety and efficiency for transporting these materials as well as provide benefit to our local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's desire to be an equal partner in the process with our neighbors in Thornton, Commerce City, Parker, Adams County, and Arapahoe County who have already voiced their support for such an evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City supports evaluating the designation of E-470 as a Hazardous Materials Route.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to send correspondence to the Authority concerning the City's position on behalf of the City, in substantially the form presented at this meeting, with such technical additions, deletions, and variations as the City Attorney may deem necessary or appropriate and not inconsistent with this Resolution.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

KENNETH J. KREUTZER, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JACK D. BAJOREK, City Attorney