

RESOLUTION 2016/03-XX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SMALL AREA PLAN FOR I-40 INTERCHANGE AREA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EDC

- WHEREAS, TDOT and the City of Lakeland have made a significant investment to reconstruct the I-40 Interchange at Canada Road to improve traffic flow and enhance access to the city through the City's gateway; and,
- WHEREAS, the interchange is currently under construction; and,
- WHEREAS, the area surrounding the interchange is aging and no longer is consistent with the high quality standards of the City of Lakeland, and will be out of place once interchange construction is complete; and,
- WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seek to establish a clear vision for development and redevelopment of the area surrounding the interchange; and,
- WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission, at its meeting on February 25, 2016, recommended that the City initiate a planning process to establish a vision for the interchange area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to prepare an RFP and solicit bids to create a development vision for the I-40 / Canada Road Interchange area.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Wyatt Bunker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Millspough, CMFO
City Recorder