

RESOLUTION NO. 1295

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON, strongly supporting a State Transportation Revenue Package that includes a direct distribution of gas tax revenue, increases funds to the Transportation Improvement Board so existing programs can continue, and includes language for funding options for local governments.

WHEREAS, a healthy transportation system is a critical foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as the nation's most trade-dependent state, and

WHEREAS, Washington State's transportation system is suffering disrepair, with a backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, and data showing that without any new investments more than half the pavement on our State roads and highways will be in poor condition by 2023, and

WHEREAS, failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight carriers to transport people and goods, and

WHEREAS, the Connecting Washington Task Force released a report early in 2012 identifying \$50 billion in unfunded transportation needs and recommending an investment of \$21 billion in State funding during the next ten years for maintenance, preservation, and strategic investments, and

WHEREAS, investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our ports, and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors, and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the transportation package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the State, including significant funding to complete improvements to the portion of State Route 509 that runs through the City of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has spent approximately \$15 million and plans to spend another \$5 million completing the

City's Transportation Gateway Project in anticipation and support of the State Route 509 improvements, and

WHEREAS, the transportation package should provide a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for cities and counties to maintain local roadways and arterials and to leverage existing funding, and

WHEREAS, the transportation package should also include local transportation financing options for cities and counties, and

WHEREAS, the transportation package should invest in grant programs that are vital for cities and counties, including the Transportation Investment Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets", Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety, and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines strongly encourages the Washington State Legislature to enact a balanced transportation investment package to create jobs, relieve congestion, support our businesses, and maintain our quality of life; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

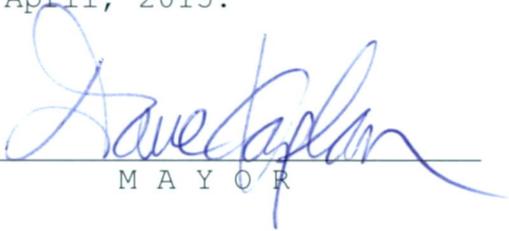
Sec. 1. The Des Moines City Council takes an official position in strong support of a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding option for local governments.

Sec. 2. The Des Moines City Council strongly encourages lawmakers to approve and enact a Transportation Funding Package

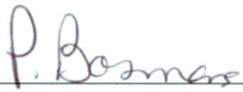
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that provides direct funding and funding options for local governments.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 30th day of April, 2015 and signed in authentication thereof this 30th day of April, 2015.


MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk