

## **Resolution No. 15-0214**

### **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT FOR ALL MODES OF LOCAL TRAVEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Windsor Heights is a member of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Windsor Heights participates in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the development of long-range transportation plans, the allocation of transportation funding, and the setting of transportation policies for the Greater Des Moines metro area;

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is comprised of 20 voting members, including Polk, Dallas and Warren Counties; the Cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Johnston, Mitchellville, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights; and the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority;

**WHEREAS**, the need for a stable, sustainable, multi-modal transportation network was identified as a priority in The Tomorrow Plan, a long-range plan for Central Iowa's sustainability that was developed by Des Moines area metro communities and adopted in 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the need to maintain existing infrastructure while strategically investing in new infrastructure was established in Mobilizing Tomorrow, the region's long-range transportation plan that was adopted by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in November 2014;

**WHEREAS**, the Mobilizing Tomorrow long-range transportation plan shows a \$113 million shortfall, annually, for each of the next 35 years when comparing projects submitted to the plan to identified funding sources;

**WHEREAS**, 82 percent of roads in the Greater Des Moines metro area are rated as being in fair, good or excellent condition and 18 percent of them are deemed to be in poor or very poor condition;

**WHEREAS**, spending on the maintenance of existing roads in the Greater Des Moines metro area would need to increase at least \$10 million annually, to a collective \$40 million annually by local governments, to maintain road conditions at status quo;

**WHEREAS**, an efficient and well-maintained transportation system is essential for the future economic health of the Greater Des Moines metro area, by connecting people to jobs, students to schools, farms to markets, by lowering costs for producers and consumers, and making the region more attractive in a highly competitive market for jobs and industry;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration estimates that each dollar (\$1) spent on road, highway and bridge improvement results in an average benefit of \$5.20 in reduced vehicle and road maintenance costs, reduced delays, reduced fuel consumption, improved safety, and reduced emissions as a result of improved traffic flow;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights, that Windsor Heights supports:

- Increased investment in all modes of transportation by the state of Iowa, including but not limited to:
  - Road Use Tax Fund;
- More local options for generating transportation revenue, including but not limited to:
  - Easing the restrictions on establishing Local Option Sales Tax;
- State transportation funding that is indexed in order to keep pace with inflation;

Passed and Approved this 2nd day of February, 2015

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Diana Willits, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brett Klein, City Administrator