

RESOLUTION NO. 1459

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI ENCOURAGING THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO RETAIN THE SMALL URBAN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND THE ON-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has asked MoDOT to eliminate the Small Urban Surface Transportation Program and the On-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Programs in the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2017; and

WHEREAS, small Missouri Cities (with populations between 5,000 and 200,000) operate and maintain thousands of miles of streets at various levels of functional classification including urban collector, rural major collector, and arterial, for its citizens, including sidewalk networks to assist pedestrian traffic supporting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, small Missouri Cities also operate, and maintain thousands of bridges in their Cities, which continue to age and deteriorate, with insufficient revenues, sometimes necessitating bridges to be unexpectedly closed or restricted, negatively impacting the area population and economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, these programs are available to finance up to 80% of eligible project costs with Cities separately funding the balance of matching funds, which are programmed in conjunction with MoDOT; and

WHEREAS, these networks will continue to grow and mature as Cities continue to grow and spur economic development opportunities which directly impact the State's overall economy including tourism; and

WHEREAS, funding by Cities to support the continued growth and development of these networks is also limited and the current funding allocation for these programs is successfully functioning, benefitting Cities in partnership with MoDOT, and the State; and

WHEREAS, local officials of Cities are in a more suitable position closest to the needs and problems to determine, in conjunction with MoDOT, the scope, priority and timing of projects funded by these programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, **AS FOLLOWS**:

That small Missouri Cities oppose the elimination of the Small Urban Surface Transportation Program and the On-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Programs and strongly encourage the Missouri Highways and Transportation

Commission to reconsider the elimination of these programs in the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of June, 2016.

Brian L. Leonard, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk