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Council Members:
John P. Herman • David Braun
Whitney Warmka

Council Member Warmka introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

CITY OF WELLS RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS

WHEREAS, Minnesota contains over 141,000 miles of roadway, and over 22,500 miles—or 16 percent—are owned and maintained by Minnesota’s 852 cities; and

WHEREAS, almost 85 percent of municipal streets are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, the more than 700 Minnesota cities with populations below 5,000 are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, city streets are a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, city cost participation in state and county highway projects diverts resources from city-owned streets; and

WHEREAS, maintenance costs increase as road systems age, and no city--large or small—is spending enough on roadway capital improvements to maintain a 50-year lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, for every one dollar spent on maintenance, a road authority--and therefore taxpayers--save seven dollars in repairs; and

WHEREAS, cities need greater resources, including an additional dedicated state funding source for transportation, and flexible policies in order to meet growing demands for street improvements and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLS that the City supports an omnibus transportation funding bill that provides additional dedicated state funding for city streets including funding that can be used for non-MSA city street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member Braun and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

Braun, Burns, Gaines, Herman, Warmka

and the following voted against the same:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Wells, on March 9, 2015.

By: 

Ronald Gaines, Mayor

Attest:



Robin Leslie, City Administrator

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