CITY OF BESSEMER
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-18

A Resolution in Support of
Proposal 1 for Safer Roads

WHEREAS, Michigan’s roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to
countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan’s state- and locally-owned urban roads and 32
percent of the state’s state- and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of
investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the
United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the longer we wait to fix Michigan’s roads, the more it will cost us; and

WHEREAS, in addition to threatening public safety, Michigan’s crumbling roads hurt
our economy; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is Michigan’s last, best chance to finally fix
our roads with funds that the politicians can’t divert somewhere else -- while also
supporting Michigan’s long-term future by investing in our public schools and local
communities;

WHEREAS: Having adequate resources to fix our crumbling roads and bridges is crucial
to helping improve the state’s economy and generate an estimated 15,000 new skilled and
high-paying jobs in Michigan; and

WHEREAS: Because safe roads are essential to the movement of goods throughout
Michigan, Proposal 1 is supported by some of Michigan’s leading organizations of job
providers including the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Michigan
First, Business Leaders for Michigan, the West Michigan Policy Forum, Detroit Regional
Chamber, Small Business Association of Michigan, Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Lodging and Resort Association and more; and

WHEREAS: Having safe roads is vital to the success of municipalities and is supported by some of the state’s leading associations including the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, and Michigan Townships Association; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Bessemer supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Bessemer knows the 1-cent increase in the sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers’ safety on the roads; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Bessemer formally supports Safe Roads Yes! because if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

The above resolution was offered by _____ Olsen ____________ and supported by _____ Zaleski ____________________.

AYES: Gaiss, Olsen, Semmerling, Nelson, Zaleski________________________

NAYS: _____ None____________________________________________________

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date: March 16, 2015_________________________________