WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the national transportation research group TRIP, 38% of Michigan’s urban roads and 32% of rural roads are in poor condition along with the need to repair 27% of the bridges.

WHEREAS, our own Transportation Asset Management Plan identifies 62% of our roads in poor condition.

WHEREAS, the City Council has recognized the need for additional funding to better maintain our streets for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents, visitors, and businesses.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has recognized this same problem on a state-wide basis with the placement of Proposal 1 on the May election ballot.

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 would raise $1.3B in new revenues for roads, bridges, and transportation.

WHEREAS, the proposal will result in a 66% increase ($173,000) in street funds for Whitehall by the third year and a $26,000 (12%) bump in revenue sharing next fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Municipal League endorses support of Proposal 1 and asks that each local unit of government also consider an official position of support.

WHEREAS, based upon recent court rulings and review by City Attorney Sweeting, it is legally permissible for the City Council to adopt a resolution of support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Whitehall City Council hereby officially supports Proposal 1.

Moved by Cabala, seconded by Smith, and thereafter adopted by the City Council of the City of Whitehall, at a regular rescheduled meeting held Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. (4 yea., 1 nay, 2 absent).

Edward Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk