

CITY OF EAST LANSING

EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO FUND REINVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO HELP MAKE MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITIES VIBRANT

WHEREAS, Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are consistently ranked among the nation's worst; and,

WHEREAS, one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan can be linked, in part to poor road conditions; and,

WHEREAS, developing effective public transit options in Michigan is an essential tool for attracting and retaining residents, workers, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that people across the nation are choosing communities that offer various modes of transportation, easy access to the places they live, work and play, and allow them to travel without having to rely on a car; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's gas tax—the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding—has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation is equal to that which was collected in 1974; and,

WHEREAS, 32% of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition and by 2018 this number is expected to jump to more than 65%; and,

WHEREAS, 57 % of East Lansing's roads are ranking as being in poor condition due to the declining availability of state funding for infrastructure reinvestment; and,

WHEREAS, if properly funded the percentage of roadways in poor condition would greatly improve; and,

WHEREAS, bringing a road from poor to good pavement condition costs six times more than it does to bring a road from fair to good condition; and,

WHEREAS, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to fix Michigan's roads and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash-related deaths per year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East Lansing City Council hereby urges Governor Snyder and Michigan legislators to make the necessary investments in Michigan's transportation network to save taxpayer dollars, save lives and improve our economy.

Diane Goddeeris, Mayor

Dated: March 5, 2013

Moved by Councilmember:

Supported by Councilmember:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

Marie E. McKenna, City Clerk