

Of Commission as a Whole:

**Whereas**, let it be known that 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 a necessary 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**, in particular, systems like streetcars and light rail have been credited with sparking new commercial and residential development; 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**, we risk a future fiscal crisis if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently 32 percent of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018 this number is expected to jump to more than 65 percent; 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 City of Bay City hereby urges Governor Snyder and Michigan legislators to make the necessary investments to Michigan's transportation network to save taxpayer dollars, save lives and improve our economy.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the City Commission authorizes the City Clerk to forward certified resolutions to the Michigan Municipal League, Legislative Associate, State Affairs John LaMacchia, Governor Snyder, Senator Green and Representative Brunner.