

~ RESOLUTION ~

A resolution of the Sterling Heights City Council pledging support for the application by the Macomb County Department of Roads on behalf of the Innovate Mound Project for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant and making a commitment to fund the City's required Local Match.

WHEREAS, the City of Sterling Heights (City) is a founding partner with the County of Macomb and City of Warren in the Innovate Mound Project, an initiative that seeks to transform 9 miles of the Mound Road corridor, from Interstate 696 to State Route M-59.

WHEREAS, the Mound Road corridor is of critical importance as it generates an economic impact of \$8.7 billion within Macomb County and \$13.5 billion within the state of Michigan. Job creation and retention within a ten mile radius of the Mound Road corridor exceeds 80,000 manufacturing jobs supporting national automotive, aerospace, military defense, and advanced manufacturing businesses.

WHEREAS, the Mound Road corridor's strategic importance has been long-recognized through its inclusion in the National Highway System and National Highway Freight Network. This capacity is critical to not only industry, but military defense, with direct linkages to the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) and Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC).

WHEREAS, the structural integrity of the Mound Road corridor is poor, evidenced by extensive joint failure and surface decay throughout nearly every portion of the eight lanes of concrete roadway. At thirty years of age, the Mound Road corridor is in need of immediate reconstruction.

WHEREAS, reconstruction presents an opportunity to transform the Mound Road corridor from its current state into a modern, next generation arterial highway providing as benefits:

- Reduced traffic congestion and greater safety for the aerospace, military defense, and automotive manufacturing concerns, their workers and suppliers, who rely on the corridor for commerce;
- Cutting edge vehicle to vehicle technology for automobiles and trucks moving through the corridor;
- Implementation of pedestrian, non-motorized, and mass transit features that will enhance this corridor's strategic importance to region.

WHEREAS, the projected cost associated with the reconstruction of the Mound Road corridor is substantial at \$217,000,000, which necessitates an application by the Macomb County Department of Roads on behalf of the Innovate Mound Project partners for an INFRA grant in the amount of \$130,100,000 to cover sixty percent of the project cost. The grant requirement for a forty percent local match will be met by Macomb County (\$43,450,000), city of Warren (\$14,483,000) and city of Sterling Heights (\$28,967,000).

WHEREAS, the City supports this application and is committed to funding its share of the required local match, or \$28,967,000.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sterling Heights does hereby pledge its support for the application by the Macomb County Department of Roads on behalf of the Mound Road Industrial Corridor Technology and Innovation Project for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant and making a commitment to fund the City's required Local Match in the approximate amount of \$28,967,000.

Moved by: Barbara A. Ziarko

Seconded by: Maria G. Schmidt

AYES: Michael C. Taylor, Barbara A. Ziarko, Gary Lusk, Maria G. Schmidt, Nate Shannon, Liz Sierawski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Deanna Koski

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Sterling Heights City Council held on the 15th day of August, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my official signature and seal , this 16th day of August, 2017.



Melanie D. Ryska

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City Clerk