

CITY OF WARREN
Office of the Council Secretary

Item 10v

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 22, 2017

TO: James R. Fouts, Mayor

SUBJECT: **ADDED.** CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION for the pledge to support the application by the Macomb County Department of Roads on behalf of the Innovative Mound Project, for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant and making a commitment to fund the City of Warren's Local Match.

At a regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, August 22, 2017 Council by formal motion added and approved the above listed item.

Trusting this information to be of value.



Robert Boccomino
Council Secretary

cc: Clerk
Attorney
Engineering

**RESOLUTION 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**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Warren, County of Macomb, Michigan, held on August 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Day/Sav. Time, in Council Chambers located at Warren Community Center Auditorium, 5460 Arden Ave., Warren, Michigan.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Boccomino, Colegio, Papandrea, Sadowski, Stevens, St. Pierre

ABSENT: Councilmembers Warner

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember

Boccomino, and supported by Councilmember Papandrea.

WHEREAS, the City of Warren (City) has partnered with the County of Macomb and the City of Sterling Heights 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, as 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 of Warren supports this application and is committed to funding its share of the required local match, or \$14,483,000. The funding for the City of Warren's share will be provided by the issuance of capital improvement bonds which will be repaid from the Michigan Transportation Major Fund.

