

RESOLUTION 2017-10

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ENHANCED, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, transportation in its many forms is the backbone for the economic vitality and quality of life for communities across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, maintaining our vital transportation infrastructure is a critical role shared by federal, state, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has not directly addressed ongoing, sustainable transportation funding since 1989; and

WHEREAS, since that time inflation has decreased the purchasing power of the State of Tennessee's transportation funding by more than 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation estimates that without additional funding it will take the state 50 years to complete its current list of projects; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, Governor Haslam has been meeting with business leaders, community leaders, and citizens across the state to assess the transportation needs of Tennesseans and as a result has proposed the IMPROVE Act to provide a new sustainable transportation funding approach; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has an opportunity to show leadership in partnering with communities across the state in meeting critical transportation needs through providing much needed planning and sustainable funding assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that:

The Tennessee General Assembly is urged to take immediate action to address the need for enhanced, sustainable transportation funding. Action is urged that supports Governor Haslam's IMPROVE Act and/or other responsible initiatives that provide long-term, sustainable funding for transportation by incorporating the following key components:

1. Identify additional, ongoing State funding for transportation needs that incorporates a mechanism to keep pace with future inflation.
2. Ensure that the Tennessee Department of Transportation continues to have the discretion to select transportation projects working collaboratively with local communities.
3. Allow for a local option for dedicated revenue to fund local transportation and transit initiatives.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: _____

Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

By: _____

Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to Form

By: _____

Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney