

RESOLUTION NO. 1230

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON,** strongly supporting the 2013 State Transportation Investment Package.

**WHEREAS,** a healthy transportation system is a critical foundation of our state and local economies and our quality of life, as well as our global position as the nation's most trade-dependent state, and

**WHEREAS,** Washington State's transportation system is suffering disrepair, with a backlog of maintenance and preservation needs, and data showing that without any new investments more than half the pavement on our state roads and highways will be in poor condition by 2023, and

**WHEREAS,** failing roads and bridges, congested highway corridors, and bottlenecked interchanges undermine the mobility of vehicles, buses, and freight carriers to transport people and goods, and

**WHEREAS,** the Connecting Washington Task Force released a report early in 2012 identifying \$50 billion in unfunded transportation needs and recommending an investment of \$21 billion in State funding during the next ten years for maintenance, preservation, and strategic investments, and

**WHEREAS,** investing in maintaining and upgrading our transportation system is a positive step the Legislature can take to catalyze construction jobs, enhance freight mobility for our ports, and create a pathway for retaining and growing new jobs for key industry sectors, and

**WHEREAS,** through SHB 1954, SHB 1955 and related bills, the 2013 Washington State Legislature is considering a 12-year, \$9.5 billion package of transportation infrastructure investments, and

**WHEREAS,** this package provides critical funding for key highway corridor projects throughout the State, including significant funding to complete improvements to the portion of State Route 509 that runs through the City of Des Moines, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Des Moines has spent approximately \$10 million and plans to spend another \$10 million completing the City's Transportation Gateway Project in anticipation and support of the State Route 509 improvements, and

**WHEREAS,** the transportation package also provides a direct gas tax distribution that will provide new funding each year for Des Moines to maintain local roadways and arterials and to leverage existing funding, and

**WHEREAS,** the package also includes local transportation financing options that cities and counties can submit to their voters for transportation improvements in their communities, and

**WHEREAS,** the transportation package additionally invests in grant programs that are vital for cities and counties, including the Transportation Investment Board (TIB), the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB), "Complete Streets", Safe Routes to Schools, and Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety, and

**WHEREAS,** the package also includes direct funding allocations for transit agencies, including King County METRO, that would otherwise have to make drastic cuts in routes which carry people to work sites and serve local, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Des Moines strongly encourages the Washington State Legislature to enact a balanced transportation investment package, in Olympia, during the Special Session to create jobs, relieve congestion, support our businesses, and maintain our quality of life; now therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Sec. 1.** The Des Moines City Council takes an official position in strong support of a comprehensive transportation investment package, including direct funding and funding option for local governments.

**Sec. 2.** The Des Moines City Council strongly encourages lawmakers to approve and enact this package in Olympia.

**Sec. 3.** The Des Moines City Council requests that the additional fuel tax increment of up to 3 cents per gallon, which will take effect on July 1, 2013 unless the Secretary of the WSDOT certifies that there is sufficient funding to complete the identified improvements on State Route (SR) 520 between 1-5 and the SR 520 floating bridge, have the same distribution as the first 10 cents, with five percent (5%) going to cities through the established distribution process.

**ADOPTED BY** the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 6th day of June, 2013 and signed in authentication thereof this 6th day of June, 2013.

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk