

**RESOLUTION NO. 040615-01
CITY OF WAITE PARK**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY
STREETS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota contains over 141,000 miles of roadway, and over 19,000 miles— or 13 percent—are owned and maintained by Minnesota’s 852 cities; and

WHEREAS, over 80 percent of municipal streets are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, the more than 700 Minnesota cities with populations below 5,000 are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, city streets are a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, city cost participation in state and county highway projects diverts resources from city-owned streets; and

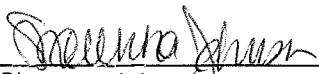
WHEREAS, maintenance costs increase as road systems age, and no city—large or small—is spending enough on roadway capital improvements to maintain a 50-year lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, for every one dollar spent on maintenance, a road authority—and therefore taxpayers—save seven dollars in repairs; and

WHEREAS, cities need greater resources, including an additional dedicated state funding source for transportation, and flexible policies in order to meet growing demands for street improvements and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WAITE PARK that the City of Waite Park supports an omnibus transportation funding bill that provides additional dedicated state funding for city streets including funding that can be used for non-MSA city street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

Adopted by the Council this 6th day of April, 2015.



Shaunna Johnson
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer



Richard E. Miller
Mayor

ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION:

Motion for adoption: Member Linquist

Seconded by: Member Theisen

Voted in favor of: Mayor Miller, Members Linquist, Schneider, Schulz, Theisen

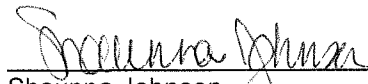
Voted against: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Resolution adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Waite Park City Council at a duly authorized meeting held on 4/6/15.



Shaunna Johnson
City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer