



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 09, 2002

Council Session

Item I1

#2002-103 - Approving a Resolution Endorsing Transportation Improvements for Grand Island And The Enactment By The Nebraska Unicameral of a New State-Wide Comprehensive Transportation Program

The Nebraska League of Municipalities has requested that the City Council consider a Resolution encouraging the Nebraska Unicameral to enact a new state-wide comprehensive transportation program. Grand Island has been asked to identify several transportation capital improvements that are vital to improved safety and growth of the community. South Locust Street, US Highway 30 East and US Highway 30 through the City of Grand Island, US Highway 34 - Locust Street to US Highway 281, and Capital Avenue from US Highway 281 to St. Paul Road are identified as vital projects. The City is unable to finance all capital transportation improvements without the assistance of the State of Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Roads and other agencies, and the State cannot address City needs without the enactment of a new Program. See attached RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION 2002-103

WHEREAS, one of the major responsibilities of City government is to plan for the immediate and long-term transportation needs of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grand Island has identified the transportation capital improvements that are needed in the City; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are essential to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens in the future; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are vital to the economic well-being of the City and to its long-term growth and development; and

WHEREAS, failure to undertake these transportation capital improvements will impede and may prevent the economic needs and goals of the City from being accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the City is unable to finance such capital transportation improvements without substantial assistance from the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Roads and other state government entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska and the Department of Roads and other state government entities cannot sufficiently address the transportation needs of the City and other counties and cities across the state without the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Nebraska Unicameral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. Priority Transportation Projects. After careful investigation of the transportation needs in the City, the following transportation capital improvements are hereby declared to be vital to the future economic growth and development of the City and the safety of its citizens:

- (A) South Locust Street
- (B) US Highway 30 East and US Highway 30 through the City of Grand Island
- (C) US Highway 34 – Locust Street to US Highway 281
- (D) Capital Avenue from US Highway 281 to St. Paul Road

2. New Comprehensive Transportation Program. The City hereby endorses and supports the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Nebraska Legislature of sufficient size and magnitude to address the specific transportation capital improvements set forth in Section 1 above.

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3. The City Clerk shall send copies of the Resolution and any supporting documentation to: Governor Mike Johanns; State Senators, all candidates for State Senator; all local news media outlets; the League of Nebraska Municipalities; and Nebraska on the Move.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on April 9, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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