

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 4-3-13

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: John Welle

Title of Item: AMC Resolution of Support for Transportation Funding

Requested Meeting Date: 4-9-13 Estimated Presentation Time: Consent Agenda

Presenter: NA

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____
- Approve under Routine Business
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes No (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution (1)
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEMO

TO: Aitkin County Commissioners
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

FROM: John Welle

DATE: April 3, 2013

Consent Agenda Item: AMC Resolution of Support for Transportation Funding

Summary:

With AMC continuing to build support for a transportation funding bill, they have asked each county to adopt the following resolution to demonstrate support for additional transportation funding. I therefore recommend approval of the following resolution.

Resolution:

Whereas, Minnesota Counties have had to rely increasingly on local property tax to maintain roads and bridges, and

Whereas, the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance and delaying expansion projects, resulting in increased safety concerns and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters, and

Whereas, the rural road networks in the state should be adequate to bring goods to market, and

Whereas, transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011, and

Whereas, according to the Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs, and
Whereas, the overall transportation and transit funding gap for Minnesota now exceeds \$2.1 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years, and

Whereas, transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes, and

Whereas, the wheelage fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all county boards to implement to meet their specific county needs, and

Whereas, a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.