



WHEREAS, Minnesota contains over 141,000 miles of roadway, and over 22,500 miles--or 16 percent--are owned and maintained by Minnesota's 853 cities; and

WHEREAS, almost 85 percent of all municipal streets are not eligible 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 the City of Saint Paul and other cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul and cities across the Minnesota need greater resources, including an additional dedicated state funding source for transportation, and flexible policies to meet growing demands for street improvements and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council requests that the Minnesota Legislature pass a comprehensive and balanced transportation funding package that permanently increases dedicated funding for transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council requests a transportation funding package that permanently increases dedicated funding for state and local road and transit systems in the Metropolitan Area and Greater Minnesota; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council requests 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.