

**City of Olivia, Minnesota
Resolution 2017-13**

Support for Dedicated State Street Funding for Cities Under 5,000 Population

It is hereby resolved by the City of Olivia, Minnesota that:

WHEREAS; Minnesota contains over 141,000 miles of roadway and over 19,000 of those miles (13%) are owned and maintained by Minnesota's 852 cities; and

WHEREAS; More than 700 Minnesota cities contain populations of less than 5,000 making them ineligible to receive dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars to help offset local road repair and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS; City streets are an integral piece of the transportation network throughout the state, allowing for the timely movement of individuals, goods and services in support of the State and local economy; and

WHEREAS; Cities of all sizes face increasing road maintenance and repair costs as roadway infrastructure ages; and

WHEREAS; Cities left ineligible to receive dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars are forced to place a larger tax burden on local residents and businesses to maintain and improve local roads at a time when Greater Minnesota faces numerous challenges regarding the retention and attraction of residents and businesses to the area; and

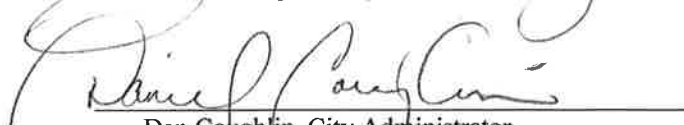
WHEREAS; A dedicated funding source for Cities under 5,000 population is desired so that smaller communities are able to continue to maintain their portion of the State's overall roadway and transit system;

THEREFORE; The Olivia City Council hereby supports an omnibus transportation funding bill that provides additional dedicated state funding for city streets including funding that can be used for non-MSA street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

Adoption by the City Council of the City of Olivia on this 6th Day of March, 2017


Suzanne Hilgert, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dan Coughlin, City Administrator