

RESOLUTION NO. 227

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS AND THE ENACTMENT BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF A NEW STATE-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas (hereinafter the "City"), has conducted the necessary investigations to identify the transportation capital improvements that are needed in the City; 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, the 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 Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas and the Department of Transportation cannot sufficiently address the transportation needs of the City and other cities and counties across the state without the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:


Section 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:

- (1) Extend four lane highway from Louisburg south to Lacyne.
- (2) Create the diagonal from Parsons to Riverton as previously considered.
- (3) Improve Highway Seven (7) from Cherokee to Columbus with shoulders. Safety is the primary consideration for this project)
- (4) Install turning lanes on Highway Seven (7) at Bethlehem Road (One mile north of Columbus) to accommodate the new industrial area being development west of Highway Seven (7).
- (5) Make bridge improvements one quarter mile east of 96/69 a intersection near Crestline.
- (6) Complete the by-pass around Parsons.
- (7) Resurface Highway 102 from Scammon to West Mineral.
- (8) Resurface Highway 96 from Columbus to Oswego, including improved shoulders.

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


Section 3. The city clerk shall send copies of this resolution and any supporting documentation to: Governor Bill Graves; State Senator Jim Barone; State Representative Tim Shallenburger; all candidates for state representative; all local news media outlets; and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 1998.



Doug Gatewood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gail Houser, City Clerk