

**RESOLUTION NO. 385**

A resolution by the City of Columbus, Kansas, hereinafter, "City", requesting improvement and upgrade of Highway K-7 in Cherokee County, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is considering projects both for economic stimulus and a new comprehensive transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislative Transportation committees and the Kansas Department of Transportation seek input from local government; and

WHEREAS, Highway K-7 in Cherokee County has the highest traffic count of any section of K-7; and

WHEREAS, the traffic count has increased over 10% since 2005 to over 4000 vehicles per day, and

WHEREAS, K-7 between Cherokee and Columbus has a narrow paved surface, no shoulders, and no margin for error for motorists; and

WHEREAS, both truck and car traffic will continue to increase as the State of Kansas makes improvements to US 400 and US 69; and

WHEREAS, the highways north of Cherokee and south of Columbus are smoother, wider, and safer; and

WHEREAS, the motorists' safety concerns require highway quality consistent with these north and south sections complete with wider lanes and shoulders for safer emergency stops.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, do hereby request the inclusion of the 11 mile section of Highway K-7 between the cities of Columbus and Cherokee in the next round of projects for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

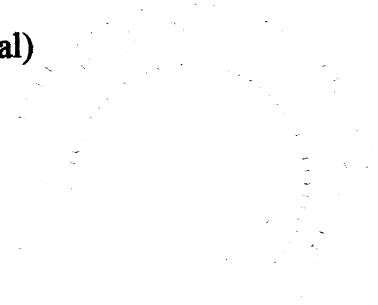
CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS

Harley McDaniel  
Harley McDaniel, Mayor

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Janice Blancett  
Janice Blancett, City Clerk

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January 2, 2009

Dear Mayor McDaniel and council members,

Enclosed is a model resolution regarding placement of Highway K-7 between Columbus and Cherokee on the project list of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Typically, the comprehensive transportation programs have been ten year plans. Currently, President – elect Obama has proposed a stimulus plan that would concentrate on job creation and retention through infrastructure projects that could include highways similar to highway 7.

No plans or easements have been acquired for K-7 which may hinder our efforts to include this dangerous highway in an immediate program, but we must act now so it is included in the next comprehensive transportation program.

Please review the enclosed resolution draft and make appropriate changes and additions. Time is of the essence so we would like you to consider this resolution and take action by January 27, 2009.

Please return a copy of any approved resolution to myself or Rep. Bob Grant and we will include it in packets to be sent to Chairmen Hazlett, Chairman Umbarger , KDOT Secretary Miller and the vice-chairs and ranking members of the transportation committees.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug".

Representative Doug Gatewood

A Resolution requesting the upgrading of Highway K-7 in Cherokee County

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