

RESOLUTION DRAFT TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the Transportation for America event in April of 2016 and the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the state and federal legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and

WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

WHEREAS, locals, including the City of Manitowoc continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and state roads; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation and development

WHEREAS, sustainable development models such as a land-based tax where municipality services extend have yet to be explored, and

WHEREAS, a land-based tax where municipality services extend allows local municipalities to begin to recover basic maintenance costs for infrastructure and,

WHEREAS a land-based tax where municipalities extend addresses blight and incentivizes responsible property owners for maintaining and upgrading their properties, and

WHEREAS a land-based tax where municipalities services extend creates economic incentives for successful downtown developments,

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc Common Council recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc Common Council recognizes that our current sprawl development models are unsustainable monetarily and reduce the everyday quality of life of our citizens by reducing equality of access, and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Manitowoc Common Council urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system and development models. Furthermore, the Manitowoc Common Council directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our Federal Legislators, State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Humbly Submitted for consideration by Alder Rhienna Gabriel, Manitowoc Common Council on September 13, 2018.

Lisa Mueller

From: Justin Nickels
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2019 11:19 PM
To: Rhienna Gabriel; James Brey - D4
Cc: April Kroner; Lisa Mueller; Paul Braun
Subject: RE: Sustainable Transportation and Development Strategies Resolution
Attachments: SustainableTransportationAndDevelopmentResolution_Gabriel.pdf

Alderwoman Gabriel,

I will add this to our next Plan Commission meeting along with this string of e-mails as background information for the Plan Commissioners.

Lisa, please add this to our Wednesday, January 23rd Plan Commission agenda. Agenda item: Sustainable Transportation and Development Strategies Resolution. Please add the attached document to Granicus, as well as this string of e-mails below.

Alderwoman Gabriel, you are more than welcome to attend to share why you are asking for the Plan Commission to discuss this.

Thanks.

- Justin



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From: Rhienna Gabriel
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2019 4:45 PM
To: James Brey - D4
Cc: Justin Nickels
Subject: Re: Sustainable Transportation and Development Strategies Resolution

Chairman Brey,

I'm sorry you mistake my rhetorical question. You will place this on the next Finance Committee Meeting Agenda in keeping with the Council Rules we adopted. They are attached for your review. Should the Finance Committee choose to send this to the Planning Commission, given the content, that is the decision of the committee.

As a fellow Alder, I caution you not to confuse your County and City roles.

Regards,

Rhienna Gabriel

City of Manitowoc, D-10 Alderman
920-316-0311

Alderman Gabriel,

It would be up to Mayor Nickels to add it to this resolution to the Plan Commission agenda. But if memory serves me right, we already sent a similar resolution for the "Just Fix It" campaign to our legislators. I know I did this at the county. Mayor?

Jim Brey
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On Thu, Jan 3, 2019 at 12:59 PM -0600, "Rhienna Gabriel" <rgabriel@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Mayor Nickels, Planning Commission Chairman, and Finance Chairman Brey,

Would you add this Resolution to an upcoming agenda? I expect discussion and motions to amend (as the committee feels appropriate).

Thank you,

Rhienna Gabriel

City of Manitowoc, D-10 Alderman
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING
FOR WISCONSIN’S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

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WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor Justin M. Nickels and the Manitowoc Common Council that the City of Manitowoc urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin’s transportation system. Furthermore, the City Council/Village Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, Rep. Paul Tittl, Senator Devin LeMahieu, and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

INTRODUCED _____ ADOPTED _____ APPROVED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

Fiscal Impact: n/a
Funding Source: n/a
Finance Director Approval:
Approved as to form: /kmm

This resolution was drafted by Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney