

RESOLUTION NO. 8378

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN PREPARED BY TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION AND
EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO ALLOCATE THE
TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX PROCEEDS BASED ON THE PRIORITIES
RECOMMENDED IN THE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Monett City Council has authorized a one-half cent transportation sales tax to be placed on the August 4, 2015 ballot; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the ballot measure, the City Council had authorized TranSystems Corporation to assist in the preparation of a Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan to develop a set of multimodal transportation improvement projects that address deficiencies and provide enhancement for Monett's transportation system and to provide implementation strategies for short-term priorities and long-term goals; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of a broad-based Advisory Group and input from the general public through online surveys and public meetings, a Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan has been developed and prepared for review and action by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its intent for allocating the transportation sales tax proceeds in adherence with the recommendations developed in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Monett, Missouri, meeting in regular session this 20th day of July, 2015, as follows:

SECTION 1. If voters approve the one-half cent Transportation Sales Tax ballot measure on August 4th, the City Council declares its intent to allocate the funds for the following programs and projects based on the goals outlined in the Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan.

SECTION 2. The goals of the City Council are to:

- a) promote the safety of the transportation system for all users;
- b) support efficient system management that addresses congestion;
- c) develop an integrated, multimodal system that enables mobility for all;
- d) encourage growth and vitality through infrastructure improvements.

SECTION 3. In order to advance these goals, the City Council intends to implement annual programs that would repair and replace deficient sidewalks and trails; leverage federal and state funds when appropriate to make long-term improvements to the Monett Regional Airport; and to partner with the Missouri Department of Transportation to synchronize the traffic signals on U.S. Highway 60 to more efficiently move traffic through Monett.

As identified in the Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan, priority sidewalk improvements include providing safe routes to school; well-marked crosswalks at intersections; replacing existing sidewalks that are in poor condition in the core of the City before constructing new sidewalks; making connections to public parks and playgrounds; and to construct extensions to the Greenway Trail if there is sufficient funding. The City Council recognizes that mature trees and roots can damage sidewalks and that during the course of construction some trees may need to be removed. If this occurs, the City Council intends to plant new trees outside of the City's right-of-way so as not to interfere with the new sidewalk. The City Council expresses its intent to save healthy, mature trees if feasible.

SECTION 4. The City Council declares its intent to utilize the Transportation Sales Tax funds to design and construct certain corridor improvements over the course of the next seven years including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) NINTH STREET & CLEVELAND: This project includes sidewalk, ADA ramp, and pavement marking improvements at the intersection to include the slight widening of the corridor and new curb and gutter that will improve truck turning movements from southbound Ninth Street to eastbound Cleveland Avenue.
- b) U.S. ROUTE 60 AND ROUTE 37: This project would include the construction of a dedicated right-turn lane and acceleration lane from eastbound U.S. Route 60 to southbound Route 37. This project will mitigate peak congestion traffic at certain times in the morning and afternoon.
- c) THIRTEENTH STREET: This project includes street, drainage, curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements to Thirteenth Street from Broadway Street north to Cleveland Avenue specifically grinding and overlaying of the concrete section from the Centennial Bridge north to Broadway Street and repair of the bridge joints. North of Broadway Street to Cleveland Avenue, the project would include milling and overlaying the existing two-lane section and widening to a three-lane section of road with a center turn lane. Curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements are

included on the west side of the street with drainage improvements on the east side.

d) **CENTRAL AVENUE:** This project includes street, curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements on Central Avenue from Broadway Street north to Cleveland Avenue, specifically milling and overlaying the existing two-lane section of roadway with a widening to 14-foot lane widths with curb and gutter and sidewalk improvements on both sides of the street, as well as some retaining wall and tree replacement as necessary. This project does not involve the construction of a proposed roundabout at Broadway Street.

e) **BROADWAY STREET:** This project includes intersection improvements on Broadway Street at Third Street, Fourth Street, and Fifth Street. These improvements would include the construction of bulb-outs and crosswalks with pavers to enhance the safety of pedestrians. Pedestrian push buttons will be relocated to better accommodate pedestrian circulation.

f) **CHAPELL DRIVE CONNECTOR:** This project includes a grade-separated crossing of the BNSF Railroad at Chapell Drive. Due to the new crossing, Bridle Lane will need to be realigned with a new roadway connection between Bridle Lane and Chapell Drive. This project does not include a new overpass but will be necessary before an overpass is constructed at some later date.

The order in which these corridor improvements are listed is likely to be the order in which they will be implemented but formal approval will be determined by the City Council on an annual basis depending upon the amount of revenue received from the tax and the opinion of probable costs associated with each project at that time.

SECTION 5. The Long-Range Transportation Improvement Plan includes projects that are not contemplated to be constructed within the timeframe of the seven-year tax but are included in the Plan in the event funding opportunities or partnerships make those projects feasible. These projects include:

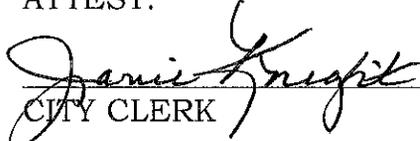
a) **CHAPELL DRIVE OVERPASS:** Design and construction of a grade-separated overpass of the BNSF Railroad at Chapell Drive just south of Cleveland Avenue (Business Route 60).

b) **CENTRAL/BROADWAY INTERSECTION:** Design and construction of a three-leg, one-lane roundabout that is able to accommodate truck and bus traffic at the intersection of Central Avenue and Broadway Street.

Passed and approved this 20th day of July, 2015.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK