

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-003

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF PAOLA, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS CONCERNING 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

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas, has conducted the necessary investigations to identify the transportation capital improvements that are needed in the City of Paola; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens in the future; and

WHEREAS, these specific transportation capital improvements are vital to the economic well-being of the City of Paola and to its long-term growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paola is unable to finance major 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 of Paola and other cities and counties across the state without enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Priority Transportation Projects. After review of transportation needs and consultation with officials of other county and municipal jurisdictions and economic development agencies in the region, the City of Paola hereby declares the following transportation capital improvements to be vital to the future economic growth and development of Paola and the safety of its citizens:

- 1) ***K-68 Corridor Improvements*** - preservation/purchase of right-of-way from Ottawa to the Missouri state line for a four lane highway.
- 2) ***K-68 Corridor Improvements*** - the construction of a four lane section on K-68 between US-169 to US-69.

- 3) ***US-169 Corridor Improvements*** – widen and improve shoulders from Franklin County line to Highway K-7.
- 4) ***Expansion and Improvement of Runways at the Miami County Airport*** including the expansion of the runway from category B-I to B-II.
- 5) ***Feasibility Study of Railroad Crossing Improvements*** including the development of a plan for an overpass/underpass on Hedge Lane and on West Peoria Street in Paola to support future traffic and crossing safety due to increased rail, vehicular, and pedestrian traffic.
- 6) ***Development of a Public Transit link from Miami County cities to Metro Kansas City*** as a means of improving the economic growth and vitality of the region and contributing to the sustainability of communities in Miami County.

Section 2. New Comprehensive Transportation Program. The City of Paola 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 Kathleen Sebelius, State Senator Pat Apple, State Representative Gene Vickrey, Kansas Secretary of Transportation Debra Miller, and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2008.

Artie Stuteville, Mayor
City of Paola, Kansas

ATTEST: [seal]

Daniel G. Droste, City Clerk
City of Paola, Kansas