



Legislation Text

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Resolution in Support of State Ballot Proposal 15-1 on the May 5, 2015 Election Ballot

Whereas, Michigan's roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

Whereas, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

Whereas, Approximately 24% of the City of Ann Arbor's streets are classified as being in "poor" condition; and

Whereas, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

Whereas, The longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost us; and

Whereas, In addition to threatening public safety, Michigan's crumbling roads hurt our economy; and

Whereas, Ann Arbor City Council has selected fixing Ann Arbor's streets as a top priority;

Whereas, The City's street reconstruction millage is inadequate to maintain the street system at a level satisfactory to Ann Arbor residents;

Whereas, Proposal 15-1 provides that every penny paid at the pump in state gas taxes constitutionally will be guaranteed to go to transportation.

Whereas, Proposal 15-1 when fully implemented in October 2018 will bring an additional \$4,974,000 annually to Ann Arbor for city streets and roads;

Whereas, Proposal 15-1 on the May 5 ballot provides dedicated funds to improve roads and streets while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council supports Proposal 15-1 on the May 5, 2015 ballot for funding needed to fix our roads.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Warpehoski and Briere and Mayor Taylor