

RESOLUTION NO. 32-1988

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED GOOD ROADS AMENDMENT TO THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, Texas motorists pay a Federal fuel tax of 9 cents a gallon into the Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is legislatively mandated to be apportioned to states for use on the Federal Aid Highway Program; and,

WHEREAS, Texas receives approximately \$800 million a year from the Federal Highway Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, THE Federal funds account for 50-60 percent of highway construction in Texas; and,

WHEREAS, since 1917 when Federal highway funds first became available to the states, Texas has used 100 percent of such funds exclusively for highway purposes as mandated by Federal law; and,

WHEREAS, Federal highway funds are received by the State as reimbursement for the expenditure of constitutionally dedicated state highway user taxes; and,

WHEREAS, it has recently been suggested that Federal highway funds received by the State of Texas as reimbursement be diverted to general revenue purposes; and,

WHEREAS, diversion of the Federal highway funds would (1) be unlawful, (2) violate the public trust, and (3) destroy the successful concept that those who use highways should pay for their construction and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, Texas voters can stop this potential attempt at diversion of Federal highway funds to unrelated purposes by voting for a proposed Good Roads Amendment to the State Constitution on the ballot in the November, 1988 general election; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed Constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot: "The Constitutional amendment and/or clarification providing that Federal reimbursement of state highway dedicated funds are themselves dedicated for the purpose of acquiring rights-of-way and constructing, maintaining, and policing public roadways"; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the City Council supports the proposed Constitutional amendment dedicating Federal highway funds received by the State of Texas exclusively for the intended purposes of improving Texas highways.

PART 2: That the City Council calls on all Texas voters to join in supporting the proposed amendment and pledges its support in educating the voters to the critical importance of a Yes vote for the Good Roads Amendment.

PART 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after this passage.

ADOPTED this 28th day of July, A.D., 1988.

ATTEST:

Patricia Hancock
City Secretary

Dale Ferguson
Mayor

APPROVED:

Harry Cargill
City Attorney