



Board of Commissioners
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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 04

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FUNDING INDIANA'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, Indiana's diverse economy is dependent upon both the combined state and local road network to move goods, consumers, and workforce; and

WHEREAS, 80% of Indiana's manufactured goods are transported on Indiana's road network; and

WHEREAS, Indiana is the "Crossroads of America" and has enjoyed long-term economic benefits by exploiting our strategic geographic advantage; and

WHEREAS, counties in Indiana are responsible for about 70% of the public roads in the state and about 70% of the bridges in the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration, rough pavement affects safety, fuel efficiency, vehicle wear and pavement durability; and

WHEREAS, Hoosier drivers spend an extra \$491 on vehicle repairs due to poor roads each year; and

WHEREAS, 77% of paved county roads exceed the International Roughness Index threshold for rough pavement, thus reaching the IRI's breakpoint for suggested improvement; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has one of the lowest per-gallon gasoline taxes in the nation; and

WHEREAS, all users of the Indiana state and local road network should pay their share to maintain and upgrade that same road network; and

WHEREAS, the future of transportation infrastructure funding will necessarily be a broad based solution that reflects use of the system while reducing reliance on dwindling revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Indiana, yet the injury crash rate on local roads in Indiana is more than twice the injury crash rate on experienced on state roads; and

WHEREAS, while counties appreciate the incremental funding increases that the General Assembly has provided in recent years, the current revenue sources at both the state and local level have not kept pace with cost of road and bridge construction; and

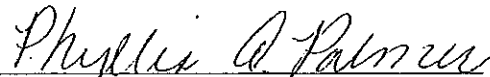
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners urge the Indiana General Assembly to identify and approve legislation that provides sustainable and long term increases in Indiana's transportation funding which includes necessary increases in state funding of local road and bridge infrastructure. Furthermore, the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners directs the Auditor to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Greg Steuerwald, Representative Jeffrey Thompson, Representative Robert Behning, Senator Michael Young, Senator John Crane, Governor Eric Holcomb, and Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch.

Date: February 14, 2017

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