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COUNCIL BILL   2022-091   RESOLUTION   10629  

A RESOLUTION

1 DECLARING the official intent of the City of Springfield to support the Southwest  
2 District of the Missouri Department of Transportation in its application  
3 for a 2022 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant to widen  
4 Interstate 44 to six lanes through the City; and pledging \$2,000,000 in  
5 matching funds upon award of said grant.  
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8 WHEREAS, Interstate 44 ("I-44") is a major east-west corridor that begins in  
9 Texas, traverses through Oklahoma, and terminates on the eastern border of Missouri;  
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12 WHEREAS, Infrastructure for Rebuilding America ("INFRA") grant funding will  
13 make significant safety and traffic capacity improvements on I-44 as it travels through  
14 the City; and  
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16 WHEREAS, I-44 is important to the economic vitality of the City and region; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Springfield-Branson National Airport is accessed directly from I-  
19 44 and is a major supply chain facility for industry and retail within the City; and  
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21 WHEREAS, I-44 is vital for City tourism, bringing visitors to attractions and  
22 events within the City as well as hotels, motels, and dining venues; and  
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24 WHEREAS, in addition to the safety, traffic capacity and economic vitality  
25 improvements, this project would create an opportunity for the construction of a new  
26 pedestrian walkway under I-44 to provide a trail connection between Doling Park and  
27 Fulbright Spring Park.  
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
30 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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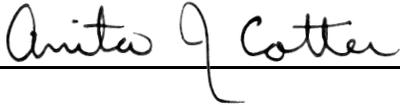
32 Section 1 – City Council hereby declares its support the Southwest District of the  
33 Missouri Department of Transportation ("MODOT") in its application for a 2022 INFRA  
34 grant to widen I-44 to six lanes through the City of Springfield and pledges \$2,000,000  
35 in matching funds if said grant is awarded.

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Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed at meeting: May 2, 2022

  
Mayor

Attest: , City Clerk

Filed as Resolution: May 2, 2022

Approved as to form: , City Attorney

Approved for Council action: , City Manager

**EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2022- 091**

FILED: 04-26-22

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PURPOSE: Declaring the official intent of the City of Springfield to support the Southwest District of the Missouri Department of Transportation, in its application for a 2022 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant to widen Interstate-44 to six lanes through the City, and to pledge \$2,000,000 in match support upon award of said grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: I-44 is a major east-west corridor that begins in Texas, traverses through Oklahoma, and terminates on the eastern border of Missouri at St. Louis. Infrastructure for Rebuilding America ("INFRA") grant funding will make significant safety and capacity improvements on I-44 as it travels through the City. I-44 is important to the economic vitality of the City and region. The Springfield-Branson National Airport is accessed directly from I-44 and is a major supply chain facility for companies such as FedEx and Bass Pro Shops. Additionally, both Partnership Industrial Parks, East and West, are accessed directly from I-44. It is also vital for City tourism, bringing visitors to attractions such as Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World and the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum.

In addition to the safety, capacity, and economic vitality improvements this project would bring, it would also create an opportunity to improve three existing pedestrian connections under I-44 (Broadway, Grant, and National Avenues), as well as the construction of a new pedestrian walkway under I-44 which will provide a trail connection between Doling Park and Fulbright Spring Park. The City's match would go toward the cost of the box culvert which will serve as this new trail connection.

If the Southwest District of the Missouri Department of Transportation ("MoDOT") is awarded the INFRA Grant, the City's \$2 million match would come from Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant ("STBG") funds (\$1.6 million) which would be budgeted in a future Council bill and the 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax (\$400,000).

Supports the following City Council Priorities:

- Public Safety
- Quality of Place
- Fiscal Sustainability

REMARKS: Public Works recommends approval of this Council bill.

Submitted by:



Martin Gugel, Assistant Director of  
Public Works

Recommended by:



Dan Smith, Director of Public Works

Approved by:



Jason Gage, City Manager