

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

A RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCREASE STATE
HIGHWAY FUNDING.**

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WHEREAS, during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013, the Texas Legislature approved Senate Joint Resolution 1, proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the oil and gas production tax revenue to the state highway fund, for non-toll highway projects; and

WHEREAS, an amendment, on the November 4, 2014 state ballot, will read as follows: *“The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads”*; and

WHEREAS, this amendment does not constitute a tax increase but rather it will redirect existing oil and gas production revenues; and

WHEREAS, currently, 25% of the oil and gas production tax revenue is earmarked for the State’s Education Fund and the remaining 75% of the revenue is earmarked for the State’s Economic Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund; and

WHEREAS, if the voters approve the constitutional amendment, half or 37.5% of the Rainy Day Fund, estimated at \$1.4 billion, will be redirected to the State Highway Fund and these redirected revenues will be allocated throughout the state by TxDOT, consistent with existing formulas outlined by the Transportation Committee which will improve State highways throughout the State, including San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature also passed House Bill 1, which among other requirements, created House and Senate select committees to study and develop a single report for the 2015 legislature on measures to fund highway maintenance and capacity needs long term. This report will provide the Legislature a clear depiction of the current highway funding and maintenance needs and identify additional options to bridge the funding gap; and

WHEREAS, the City actively supported Senate Joint Resolution 1 during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013 by reason of that additional funding to improve mobility and to maintain, expand and improve transportation infrastructure was an initiative in the City’s 83rd State Legislative Program; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Resolution expresses City Council’s support of a constitutional amendment to increase State highway funding by dedicating a portion of the oil and gas production tax revenue to the state highway fund, for non-toll projects; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio supports the Constitutional Amendment to increase State Highway Funding.

SECTION 2. There is no financial impact with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney

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