

RESOLUTION No: 2013-12
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, Minnesota contains over 135,000 miles of roadway, and over 19,000 miles— or 14 percent—are owned and maintained by Minnesota’s 853 cities; and

WHEREAS, 84 percent of municipal streets are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, the more than 700 Minnesota cities with populations below 5,000 are ineligible for dedicated Highway User Tax Distribution Fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, city streets are a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, maintenance costs increase as road systems age, and no city--large or small—is spending enough on roadway capital improvements to maintain a 50-year lifecycle; and

WHEREAS, for every one dollar spent on maintenance, a road authority saves seven dollars in repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Grant finds it is difficult to develop adequate funding systems to support the City's needed street improvement and maintenance programs while complying with existing State statutes; and

WHEREAS, cities need flexible policies and greater resources in order to meet growing demands for municipal street improvements and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Grant supports enabling legislation that would authorize cities to establish street improvement districts to fund municipal street maintenance, construction and reconstruction.

ADOPTED by the Grant City Council this 2nd day of April, 2013.