

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS IN REGARDS TO A STATE WIDE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SUBJECT TO ENACTMENT BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS**, one of the major responsibilities of Cowley County government is to plan for the immediate and long-term transportation needs of Cowley County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Cowley County has conducted the necessary investigations to identify the transportation capital improvements that will best serve the needs of Cowley County; and

**WHEREAS**, these specific transportation capital improvements are essential to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, these specific transportation capital improvements are vital to the economic well being of Cowley County and to its long-term growth and development: and

**WHEREAS**, the failure to undertake these transportation capital improvements will impede and may prevent the economic needs and goals of Cowley County from being accomplished; and

**WHEREAS**, Cowley County is unable to finance such capital transportation improvements without substantial assistance from the State of Kansas and the Kansas Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas and the Department of Transportation cannot sufficiently address the transportation needs of Cowley County and other cities and counties across the state without the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by the Kansas Legislature.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cowley County, Kansas as follows:

**Section 1.** Priority Transportation Projects: After careful investigation of the transportation needs in Cowley County, the following transportation capital improvements are hereby declared to be vital to the future economic growth and development of Cowley County and the safety of its citizens:

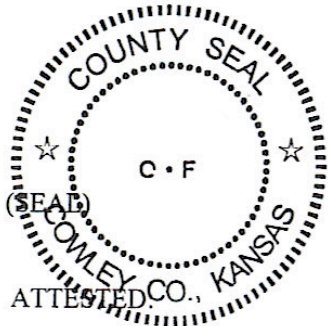
- (1) Funding for implementation of the projects identified in the Cowley County US-77 Corridor Management Plan, including the southwest Arkansas City and the west Winfield Bypasses

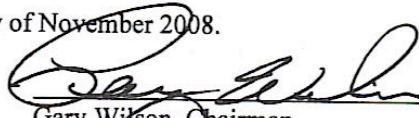
- (2) Funding enhancements for County Bridge and Overlay Projects (STP, BRO, and/or BRS Funds)
- (3) Funding enhancements for County Bridge Deck Repairs/Revitalization- County On-System Bridges
- (4) Funding enhancements for Geometric Improvements to Major Rural Intersections
- (5) Completion of the K-360 bypass around the northeast portion of Winfield
- (6) Planning for a connecting highway between K-15 and K-96
- (7) Funding for economic development street-road projects
- (8) Funding for Airport Improvements at Strother Field Industrial Park
- (9) Increased funding for Short Line rail needs
- (10) Increase funding for Transit
- (11) Include funding for local roads and streets (Special City &. County Highway Fund)
- (12) Increase lane mile payments to cities for maintenance of state highway's within cities (connecting links)
- (13) Funding for KLINK resurfacing projects on city connecting links
- (14) Funding for geometric improvements on city connecting links
- (15) Study the feasibility of AMTRAK passenger service from Oklahoma City through Kansas


**Section 2.** New Comprehensive Transportation Program: The Board of County Commissioners hereby endorses and supports the enactment of a new Comprehensive Transportation Program by Kansas Legislature of sufficient size and magnitude to address the specific transportation improvements set forth in Section 1.

**Section 3.** The County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution and any supporting documentation to: Governor Kathleen Sebelius; Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller, State Senator and State Representatives for Cowley County; and local news media outlets; Kansas Association of Counties; and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008.



  
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Gary Wilson, Chairman

  
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Carmelita Clarkson, Vice Chairman

  
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Dick Bonfy, Commissioner

  
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Karen D. Brooks, County Clerk