



Legislation Text

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA'S PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro's economic future depends on having a top-notch transportation network that will allow us to compete both nationally and globally while preserving our quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is working with other leaders in the region to develop innovative solutions to pressing transportation challenges, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is already investing in important transportation projects, but more funding is needed to ensure that goods can get to market and workers to jobs, and

WHEREAS, projects such as Highway 226, Future I-555, Eastern by-pass and Railroad overpasses will require federal funding in order to move forward, and

WHEREAS, the federal trust fund dedicated to transportation is headed for insolvency, which could lead to the federal transportation program being halted in fiscal year 2015, and

WHEREAS, these crippling cuts will adversely affect the City of Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas' ability to undertake Highway 226, Future I-555, Eastern by-pass and Railroad overpass Projects and meet the transportation needs of our residents and businesses, potentially restricting our future economic growth, and

WHEREAS, Transportation for America, an alliance of business, civic, and elected leaders from across the country, has put forward an investment plan for the 21st century that would save the nation's transportation fund while making it more accountable and increasing local control,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Jonesboro endorses the alliance's proposal for saving the nation's transportation fund and calls upon Congress and the President to act upon the recommendations therein prior to September 30, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2014.