

RESOLUTION NO. 180717

Expressing the Mayor's and Council's support for Proposition D.

WHEREAS, Missouri's state highways, county roads, municipal streets and bridges are transportation, economic and public safety lifelines; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has 33,856 miles of state highways, 73,698 miles of county roads, 23,000 miles of city streets, 10,400 state-owned bridges and 14,089 bridges owned by local governments; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City has 6,600 miles of city streets and 550 bridges; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has not raised its state motor fuels tax since 1996, and has in the ensuing 22 years seen a significant erosion in its purchasing power for road and bridge construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness among Missouri citizens that our state and local roads and bridges are in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB 1460 that places a measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot increasing the state motor fuel tax to fund road and bridge projects ("Proposition D"); and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, Proposition D will increase the state's motor fuel tax by \$.10 from the current \$.17 per gallon in increments of 2.5 cents a year over four years to improve the safety of state highways and local streets and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Proposition D will ultimately provide more than \$124 million in new annual funding for local streets and bridges statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Transportation estimates that Kansas City, Missouri will ultimately receive \$7.2 million in new annual revenue from Proposition D for city street and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, the combined positive impact of increased purchasing power for projects, safer roads and bridges, and improved transportation routes to strengthen Missouri's geographical advantages in business, agriculture, tourism and international commerce, will advance Missouri's and therefore Kansas City's economy and quality of life; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby support Proposition D that will be presented to Missouri voters on November 6, 2018.
