

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-34

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT BY THE
KANSAS LEGISLATURE OF A NEW STATE WIDE COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Kansas (hereinafter the "County") has conducted the necessary investigations to identify the transportation capital improvements that are needed in the County area and surrounding region; 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 the 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 that County from being accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the 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 the 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 JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

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

- (1) US-59 Highway from Perry to Lawrence --geometric improvements and shoulders.

- (2) K-4 Highway – improve on existing alignment and add turn lanes at key intersections.
- (3) K-92 Highway from K-4 to Ozawkie – improve vertical alignment and add shoulders.
- (4) Extend K-10 Highway north of the Kansas Turnpike across the Kansas River to US-59 Highway.
- (5) Increase funding for Transit(Public Transportation)
- (6) Increase funding for local roads and streets (Special City & County Highway Fund)
- (7) Funding for turn lanes on highways at key intersections in rural areas.

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

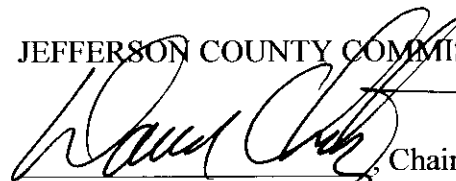
Section 3. The County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution and any supporting documentation to: Governor Kathleen Sebelius; State Senator, Roger Pine; State Representative; Lee Tafanelli; and local news media outlets; and the Kansas Association of Counties.


ADOPTED this 15 th day of December, 2008

ATTEST

Jefferson, County Clerk

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner

Commissioner


Commissioner

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