



**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council**  
**FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director**  
**DATE: April 30, 2009**  
**RE: A Resolution Urging Passage of a Comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program**

Attached please find a resolution urging state legislators to include municipalities, counties, and townships in any revenue increase (Motor Fuel Taxes and/or income tax increase) which will benefit roads and bridges. There is concern that a revenue increase for roads would only benefit the Illinois Department of Transportation. It is imperative that local governments receive their fair share of any revenue increase.

Statewide Motor Fuel Tax revenues have increased only 10% since 2000 and yet construction costs have increased 90% in that same time period. The fact that revenues have not kept up with construction related costs is putting a severe strain on maintaining our streets in Urbana.

You are urged to approve this resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05-017R**

**A RESOLUTION URGING PASSAGE OF A COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, passing a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program in the 2009 Legislative Session is critical to Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, ten years have passed since the Illinois General Assembly and Governor last passed and signed into law a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities are facing the problem of maintaining their roadways, bridges, water systems and sewer systems to meet growing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, units of local government have responsibility for over 88% of the public roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Motor Fuel Tax Allocations for municipal, county and township roads and bridges are only 10% higher than they were eight years ago, yet the cost of construction on local roads is 90% higher during that same timeframe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Motor Fuel Tax has not been changed since it was raised to 19 cents a gallon in 1990; and after expenses are removed the balance of the 19 cent Motor Fuel Tax is distributed as follows: 45.6% to the state, 26.7 % to municipalities; 19.1% to counties; and 8.6% to townships; and

**WHEREAS**, it is extremely important that the dollars are divided by formula and that the current formula is kept intact; and that units of local government have the opportunity to control what projects will be funded in their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, regardless of the funding source (a Motor Fuel Tax or income tax increase), it is critical that local governments receive their fair share and are treated equitably in any capital bill; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Illinois Municipal League and all units of local government believe it is imperative that a comprehensive capital

infrastructure bill be passed in 2009; and that local governments receive an equitable share of such capital infrastructure program to be delivered through existing formula.

PASSED by the City Council on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Phyllis Clark  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED by the Mayor on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing  
MAYOR