

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2019  
(As Amended)

Expressing the Support of Worthington City Council for the Proposal to Increase the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax, for Additional Public Transit Funding and Authorization to Levy an Additional Motor Vehicle Registration Tax.

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine appointed the Transportation Infrastructure Advisory Committee, which took testimony from transportation stakeholders from throughout Ohio and issued a compelling report sharing some of the great challenges our state and local governments face in addressing our transportation infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington is estimated to receive \$587,879 in State Fiscal Year 2020 under the present Ohio Motor Fuel Tax of \$0.28 per gallon; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington uses these funds to maintain roadways within Worthington; and,

WHEREAS, these funds are insufficient to adequately maintain the local roadway infrastructure within the City of Worthington; and,

WHEREAS, adequately maintained roadways are vital for a vibrant business base in Worthington and to facilitate the movement of public safety equipment, individual travel, and commercial operations; and,

WHEREAS, if the Governor's proposed \$0.18 per gallon increase becomes law, the City of Worthington is estimated to receive a total of \$1,015,384 in State Fiscal Year 2020; and,

WHEREAS, public transit is important to the mobility needs of Ohio's citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio counties were given the ability last year to levy an additional \$5 motor vehicle registration tax on motor vehicles registered in their jurisdiction, but that same ability was not provided to municipal corporations and townships; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in the Motor Fuel Tax and the ability to levy an additional motor vehicle registration tax are welcome news for the City of Worthington and for all local governments in the State of Ohio to improve the ability to maintain the deteriorating local roadway infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in these funding sources will help offset the loss of Estate Tax Revenue and reduction in State Local Government Funding.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington, Ohio does hereby support the proposed increase in the Ohio Motor Fuel Tax of \$0.18 per gallon as proposed by Governor DeWine.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the City of Worthington, Ohio encourages support for additional funding for public transit in the State of Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the Council of the City of Worthington, Ohio supports the authorization for municipal corporations and townships to levy and retain an additional \$5 motor vehicle registration tax on motor vehicles registered in the municipal corporation or the unincorporated area of the township.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk be instructed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senator Stephanie Kunze and Representative Beth Liston and to record the same in full in the appropriate record book.

Adopted March 18, 2019

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress  
Clerk of Council