

July 7, 2005

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager / Services  
Steven Vandette, City Engineer  
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Widening and Reconstruction of I-75 from M-102 to M-59

Recommendation:

The City Council passed a resolution in support of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the above project at their March 01, 2004 meeting (Resolution # 2004-03-120). City staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution supporting MDOT's FINAL Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the I-75 widening project and encourage communities along I-75 to do the same.

Background:

As you may be aware, the *I-75 Corridor Study in Oakland County* (Feasibility Study) completed in November 2000 recommended providing four (4) through travel lanes in each direction throughout Oakland County. It also recommended the improvement of several interchanges and arterial streets near I-75. An Environmental Impact Study was performed as a part of the I-75 widening project to continue the regulatory process necessary to pursue federal construction funding. The planning/environmental study took the results of the earlier I-75 corridor study, examined its recommendations, re-evaluated them in more detail and perfected them. The analysis examined transit and the use of high-occupancy vehicle techniques, both as solutions to regional travel.

The FEIS for the project has been completed and released for public comment. MDOT will hold an open house on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM at 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak.

Improvements in the I-75 corridor are much overdue and City staff feels that any delays to this project may exacerbate traffic congestion concerns that we are already facing. City staff recommends that City Council pass a resolution supporting the FEIS so that the regulatory process to authorize funds for the improvements recommended may proceed without further delays.

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**F-6 Alternate Dispatch Center (ADC) Relocation Budget**

Resolution #2004-03-119  
Moved by Beltramini  
Seconded by Stine

RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council hereby **APPROVES** the budget for the moving of the Alternate Dispatch Center from the Department of Public Works to the Troy Police and Fire Training Center for a cost not to exceed \$47,000.00.

Yes: All-6  
No: None  
Absent: Broomfield

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**F-7 Environment Impact Statement for Widening and Reconstruction of I-75 from M-102 to M-59**

Resolution #2004-03-120  
Moved by Beltramini  
Seconded by Lambert

WHEREAS, Improvements to the I-75 Corridor such as additional lanes on I-75, interchange improvements and local roadway improvements are overdue, and are recommended by the I-75 corridor study; and

WHEREAS, The lack of these improvements continues to exacerbate traffic congestion concerns in the City and the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy **RECOMMENDS** that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-75 Corridor Study be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and **ENCOURAGES** communities along I-75 to support the DEIS, for the timely approval of federal funds for the completion of the recommended improvements.

Yes: All-6  
No: None  
Absent: Broomfield

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

There was a consensus of City Council to **DIRECT** City Management to set a tentative joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Monday, March 29, 2004 in the Lower Level Conference Room.

**COUNCIL REFERRALS**