

**RESOLUTION 2017-03**

**Resolution in Support of Increased Transportation Funding and Local Public Transit Referendums in Tennessee**

WHEREAS, The City of Belle Meade voters have expressed great concern over the years about adequate roads and the safety and convenience of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The City of Belle Meade requires sustainable transportation funding to maintain our roads and keep them safe and useful to our residents; and

WHEREAS, economic development relies in large part on the quality of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has a 50-year backlog of transportation projects under the current funding system covering 962 outstanding projects in all 95 Tennessee Counties; and

WHEREAS, some 1,300 miles of Tennessee roads and bridges require work that cannot presently be funded under the existing system; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body seeks high-quality jobs, access to higher education, and the best possible quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, long commute times between Middle Tennessee counties lessen the quality of life for our residents, taking parents away from their children and families away from community activities; and

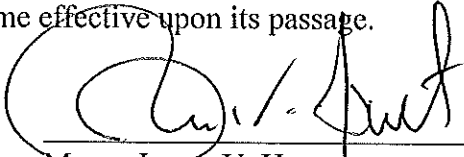
WHEREAS, a lack of adequate transportation funding keeps projects from being completed that would make roads and bridges safer for our residents; and

WHEREAS, local voters through referendums at the ballot box have the wisdom to decide investment in public transportation options for our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, along with other legislative bodies of local government in our region, support the principles and goals of Governor Bill Haslam's IMPROVE Act to revamp transportation funding in Tennessee to the betterment of the residents of our cities and counties.

SECTION 1. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

DATE OF ADOPTION:  
**March 28, 2017**

  
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Mayor James V. Hunt

  
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City Recorder Kemishia Sadler