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COUNCIL BILL 2018 - 167 RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING the Acting City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a Better Utilizing
2 Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary
3 Grant from the United States Department of Transportation in the
4 amount of \$25,000,000, which requires matching funds of 20 percent
5 from non-federal sources.
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8 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has established the
9 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) program which has
10 replaced the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (“TIGER”) program,
11 to leverage funds for economic activity through a variety of transportation
12 projects; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City has previously applied for and received TIGER funds; and
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16 WHEREAS, funds will be sought to finance multi-modal transportation
17 improvements connecting the historic downtown area to various local attractions and
18 Greenways; and
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20 WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant requires matching funds of 20 percent from
21 non-federal sources; and
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23 WHEREAS, the “match” for said grant may be provided by leveraging other
24 public, philanthropic and private sources, including in-kind contributions.
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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
27 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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29 Section 1 – The Acting City Manager or his designee, is hereby authorized to
30 apply for a grant from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development
31 Transportation Discretionary Grant program for the purpose of funding multi-modal
32 improvements, which requires matching funds of 20 percent from non-federal sources.
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34 Section 2 – Upon receipt of notice of any award, the Acting City Manager or his

35 designee will cause to be prepared an Ordinance identifying matching funds and
36 providing for adjustment to the City's budget.

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38 Section 3 – This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after
39 passage.

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41 Passed at meeting: _____

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44 Mayor

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46 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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49 Filed as Resolution: _____

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51 Approved as to form: _____, Assistant City Attorney
52 *[Signature]*

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54 Approved for Council action: _____, Acting City Manager
55 *[Signature]*

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-167

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Planning and Development

PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grant from the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000,000, which requires matching funds of 20 percent from non-federal sources.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Public Works and Planning and Development Departments wish to apply for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (“BUILD”) grant from the United States Department of Transportation in an amount up to \$25 million. A match of at least 20 percent must be provided by non-federal sources, including State, local, and private sector funding; or other forms of cost share such as right-of-way contributions.

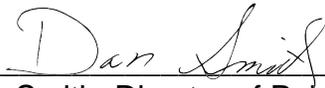
The BUILD transportation grant program replaces the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (“TIGER”) program. The current federal budget allocates \$1.5 billion for BUILD grants, with a minimum grant of \$5 million and a maximum grant of \$25 million. No more than \$150 million may be awarded to a single state. Grant applications are due July 18, 2018, and it is anticipated that the grants will be highly competitive. The first-year allocation of \$1.5 billion is anticipated to be the largest pool of funding in the program.

Wonders of Wildlife was recently voted America’s Best Aquarium and Best New Attraction by USA Today readers. Since opening in September 2017, the estimated \$300 million in associated private investment has resulted in significantly increased hotel nights and generated hundreds of thousands of visitors to the community. Downtown’s renaissance has been slow but steady over the past 20 years. More than \$500,000 of public and private investments have been made in the downtown area since 1996. These foregoing generate a tremendous amount of economic activity and are authentic Springfield experiences for both residents and tourists. If awarded, this grant will fund multi-modal improvements and create a connector between the two areas. Funding will also be used to close one or more gaps in greenway trail(s) connecting to this corridor.

This Resolution supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal(s): Chapter 12, Transportation; Major Goal 3, Encourage economic growth and vitality for Springfield and the region by providing transportation infrastructure and facilities that ensure opportunities for future economic development and promote desired growth.

REMARKS: This Resolution requests authority to apply for the grant. Matching funds will be identified in a separate bill to accept funds if the City is selected to receive the grant.

Recommended by:



Dan Smith, Director of Public Works

Recommended by:



Mary Lilly Smith
Planning and Development Director

Approved by:



Collin Quigley
Acting City Manager