RESOLUTION NO. 2014-153

First Reading Passage Requested
(R. Pry)

SPONSORS: Mr. Pry, Mr. Kostandaras, Council of the Whole

DATE: March 31, 2014

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

A Resolution expressing support for Issue 1, a renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program, and urging the citizens of Summit County to vote YES on Issue 1 in the May 6, 2014 election, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Ohio local communities are in continuing need of financial support for vital road, bridge, sewer, water and other infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s State Capital Improvements Program (“SCIP”) supports local communities with funding infrastructure projects and also creates large numbers of construction and associated jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s SCIP has successfully provided support for more than 11,500 such local infrastructure projects throughout the state since its inception in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has allocated over $185 million since the inception of the program in 1987, including over $31 million in the past three years of the program; and

WHEREAS, a list of projects that have been funded in Summit County are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s SCIP is funded through the sale of general obligation bonds that are already accounted for in future budgets, resulting in no new taxes to fund repayment of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1, which is a renewal of the SCIP, was authorized to be placed on the ballot by a significant margin in both the Ohio Senate (31-0) and the Ohio House (90-2), thus proving the bipartisan support of the program and the statewide necessity of the program; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1, which appears on the May 6, 2014 statewide ballot, provides Ohio voters with the opportunity to renew the program by authorizing the issuance of $1.875 billion in capital improvement bonds, and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to express support for Issue 1, a renewal of Ohio’s SCIP, and urging the citizens of Summit County to vote YES on Issue 1 in the May 6, 2014 election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

This Council expresses its support for Issue 1, a renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program (“SCIP”), and urges the citizens of Summit County to vote YES on Issue 1 in the May 6, 2014 election.
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SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately expressing support for Issue 1, a renewal of Ohio’s SCIP, prior to the commencement of early voting for the May 6, 2014 election.

SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 4

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED March 31, 2014

ADOPTED March 31, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 1, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 1, 2014

Voice Vote: 10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras Kurt, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro

ABSENT: Lee