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I am in Support of the this Bill. There NEEDS to be transparency and the disclosure of what the Property will be utilized for.



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February 10, 2025 Written Testimony for HB 431 In 2017, the City of Lee's Summit began discussions with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) regarding the M-291 North and US 50 Hwy interchange and any potential plans for improvements to the interchange. This heavily congested interchange is one of the highest crash locations in the community. With Lee's Summit High School situated on the Northwest corner of this interchange, numerous inexperienced drivers utilize this interchange. At that time MoDOT was considering resurfacing the bridge and not planning to pursue much needed safety and capacity improvements to the interchange, predominantly based on a lack of funding. With this knowledge, Lee's Summit began exploring avenues and available tools to partner with MoDOT to engineer and help fund much needed enhancements to this interchange. These efforts resulted in forming a multi-faceted, multi-jurisdictional collaborative effort between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri State Office of Administration, Lee's Summit R-7 School District, and the Quik Trip Corporation. All of these entities were instrumental in working together as all entities recognized the benefit of a newly designed interchange in that:

- MSHP was interested in building a new state-of-the-art Troop A Headquarters and the current facility was an impediment to a newly engineered and improved interchange.
- Quik Trip was interested in redeveloping their existing site with a new facility and would benefit from a newly designed and constructed interchange.
- Lee's Summit R-7 School District was constructing additions and renovations to the Lee's Summit High School campus, and a portion of the newly designed interchange would affect their high school campus.
- Missouri Department of Transportation needed funding to make safety and capacity enhancements to the interchange.

The City of Lee's Summit desired a new and improved interchange for the community and values the presence of the Missouri Highway Patrol within Lee's Summit. Through these collaborations, the multi-faceted, multi-jurisdictional relationship was formed, and all parties have been working diligently to fulfill the commitments made to achieve the desired end result(s). The City of Lee's Summit developed and approved a Tax Increment Financing district to fund significant costs associated with the new Highway Patrol Headquarters in the amount of \$8.11 million. The city has also committed approximately \$9.9 million for the interchange project through a cost-share agreement with MoDOT. As the interchange project required property acquisition(s), the various parties involved have been cooperating in a manner that once the interchange is completed, remnant properties vacated by the Highway Patrol and right-of-way from the previous interchange may be transferred to the City in order to facilitate productive redevelopment of the remaining property once the interchange is completed. If the land transfer does not occur, the project, as designed, will not happen and there might not be an alternative. At this time, all Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission properties, including land north and south of the subject Office of Administration property have been conveyed to the City and the project has been awarded over \$6M in Federal Surface Transportation

Program funding with the newly constructed interchange. For these reasons, and on behalf of the multiple stakeholders involved in these efforts, the City of Lee's Summit respectfully requests favorable consideration to advance this Bill for the land transfer in order to complete the interchange project and allow the other parties involved to realize full benefit from the improvements. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or if I may be of assistance. Respectfully submitted, Mark Dunning City Manager Mark.dunning@cityofls.net O: 816-969-1026 M: 816-719-0219



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