

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING US HIGHWAY 54 IMPROVEMENT TO RURAL FOUR LANE EXPRESSWAY IN FEDERAL AMERICA'S JOB PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas supports the improvement of US Highway 54 to a rural four lane expressway to create a safe, regional free-flowing, transportation corridor from Interstate 35 in Wichita, Kansas to Interstate 40 in Tucumcari, New Mexico to connect the regional economy to the global market; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has designated US Highway 54 as a Freight Corridor of Significance; and

WHEREAS, 25-40% of the traffic on US Highway 54 is heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural production of Kansas is essential to the food security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of US Highway 54 for interstate transportation shortens the distance from the west coast to Chicago by 122 miles, creating time and energy efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States is debating the American Jobs Plan to modernize 20,000 miles of highways and the Republican counteroffer includes \$506 billion for roads, bridges and major infrastructure projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS that said Seward County Commissioners, request each member from Kansas of the United States Congress, The Governor of Kansas, Laura Kelly, and the Kansas Department of Transportation to dedicate funds in the American Jobs Plan for the improvement of US Highway 54 from Kingman, Kansas to the Oklahoma State line for a rural four lane expressway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Clerk of the Seward County, Kansas shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of Kansas, each member of congress from Kansas, and the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation


ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas, this 7th day of June, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD
COUNTY, KANSAS**

By: 
Ada Linenbroker, Chairperson

ATTEST:




Stacia D. Long, Clerk