RESOLUTION 2022-02

CITY OF CREDIT RIVER

ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCOTT COUNTY'S CONTINUATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX

WHEREAS, in May 2015, Scott County adopted a Transportation Sales Tax after holding a public hearing; utilizing both the local sales tax and excise tax allowed under Minn. Stat. 297A.993, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS the transportation sales tax is currently scheduled to expire December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County has presented the accomplishments and impacts of these transportation projects utilizing the sales tax proceeds to Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE); and

WHEREAS, since 2015 the County in collaboration with the State, cities, townships, and transit providers has completed 15 regionally significant projects that have positively impacted communities throughout the County utilizing the transportation sales tax funding: and

WHEREAS there are several significant projects that remain to be completed from approved corridor studies and the 2040 Transportation Plan that will be difficult to finish without the continuation of the tax; and

WHEREAS SCALE membership encouraged the County to complete the transportation system vision by continuing the Transportation Sales Tax beyond 2022; and

WHEREAS, recommendations were presented at the November 12, 2021, SCALE meeting:

- to continue the Scott County Transportation Tax for an additional 10 years
- to support continued investments on principal arterial corridors that promotes mobility, safety, and economic development throughout the County; and

WHEREAS the City supports the continuation of the transportation sales tax through 2032; and

WHEREAS the City believes it is important to continue the collection of the transportation sales tax without interruption to avoid unnecessary closure and startup costs for businesses; and

WHEREAS the City acknowledges that funding of regional transportation projects with sales tax funding is an equitable approach since visitors to Scott County also pay sales tax, thereby reducing the burden on our taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City supports Scott/County's continuation the Transportation Sales through the December 31, 2032.

Passed this 3rd day of January 2022.

Chris Kostik, Mayor

Karen Donovan, Clerk