A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION AND MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS TO IMPROVE INTERSTATE 44 FROM US HIGHWAY 65 TO KANSAS EXPRESSWAY

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (herein called the "City" and "Republic") is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the regional planning and transportation efforts of partner agencies in working toward overall improvements for the City of Republic and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, federal dollars applied to local priorities in any location, even if outside of the City, provides for more projects to be funded within the City and other surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, THE Missouri Department of Transportation ("MODOT") and the Ozarks Transportation Organization ("OTO") are working diligently to secure federal funds to be used for repairs and improvements to Interstate-44 from US Highway 65 to Kansas Expressway, in order to ensure adequate safety and capacity; and

WHEREAS, despite that this portion of roadway is not located within the City, it is a crucial element of the overall infrastructure of the entire region, which includes the City, and will result in continued residential and commercial improvements and developments in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that support of the OTO and MODOT in its efforts to secure federal funding for improving this portion of Interstate-44 is in the best interests of the City as it will both directly and indirectly contribute to the continued growth and development of the City for citizens and guests alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Republic is formally in support of the efforts being made by the Ozarks Transportation Organization and the Missouri Department of Transportation to allow discretionary grant applications for the purpose of obtaining federal funding toward repairs and improvements to Interstate-44 and other local priorities.
- **Section 2.** The City Administrator, and/or designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to implement this Resolution.
- **Section 3.** The WHEREAS clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- **Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R-23

Final Passage and Vote:

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting this, 2022.	of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri,
Attest:	Matt Russell, Mayor
Laura Burbridge, City Clerk	
Approved as to Form:	
Marin McCullauch City Attaurau	
Megan McCullough, City Attorney	