

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM V



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

April 4, 2016

From: Brian J... Sullivan, Municipal Services Director

Subject: The Franklin City Council City Council to consider approval of Resolution # 09-16. A Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$159,162 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) for Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs.

Recommended motion:

1. Councilor Moves: I move that the Franklin City Council approve Resolution #09-16 by roll call vote.
2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote for the vote.

Discussion:

Over the past 15 years the greatest number of complaints relative to the condition of some of Franklin's roads is the condition of Prospect Street. In December of 2015, realizing there was the need to move forward with performing roadwork to some of Franklin's worst sections of highways, the Municipal Services Committee decided that a workshop date should be set in early 2016.

At the workshop held on 2/16/16 the Franklin City Council voted to set a public hearing on Resolution #08-16 for 6:05 P.M. on 3/7/16. The topic of discussion is to authorize the borrowing of \$505,000 from Northway Bank for the purpose of performing road improvements to Prospect Street beginning at the Northfield Town line proceeding in a northerly direction 1.55 miles. This would provide the funding necessary to undertake work on the worst section of Prospect Street.

In addition to the City Council's direction to set a Public Hearing on Resolution #08-16, City Staff was also instructed to prepare Resolution # 09-16. This Resolution would recommend appropriating an additional \$159,162 from the City's Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) to perform road resurfacing and related work to other bad sections of Prospect Street; Davis Street; Terrace Road (Davis Street to Pleasant Street); Lower Pleasant Street (Terrace Road to Wilderness Avenue); Woodrow Avenue and Sanborn Street (Babbitt Road to Kendall Street).

Franklin has 62 miles (124 lane miles) of paved highways. Currently, in the fiscal year 2016 budget, there is no appropriation for roadwork. This has been the trend for the past eight years due to fiscal constraints. The Municipal Services Director has continuously recommended that if we are to stay on a 20 year rotation of road resurfacing and maintenance, the City should be budgeting \$800,000 annually in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

In the spring of 2015 a surplus balance in the general fund allowed us \$134,210 to be expended towards resurfacing eight of the shorter roads requiring high maintenance. This expenditure enabled the Municipal Services Department to accomplish repairs to some of our worst roads thus reducing the frequency and number of person hours that the Highway Crew has to spend filling potholes.

With respect to public safety and damage to municipal and other vehicles (especially snow plows), it is imperative that a decision is made to follow the recommendation set forth by the MSD Committee which will be addressed in the “Fiscal Impact” section of this report.

Concurrences:

On more than two occasions, the MSD Committee has met to discuss the topic of the condition of City Roads. The Municipal Services Department frequently receives complaints with regard to the condition of Prospect Street and other roads listed on the attached list. The condition of these roads requires ongoing year round maintenance.

If the city were to spend the recommended amounts, we would be able to make better use of staff time, concentrating on other essential projects such as drainage repairs, brush cutting, tree work, and equipment maintenance. City staff feels that passing Resolution #09-16, authorizing the appropriation of funds from the MTIF is a good use of funds. A majority of the City Council present at the 2/16/16 workshop agreed.

Fiscal Impact:

During the discussion at the 2/16/16 Council workshop the above mentioned funding sources were discussed in detail. The MTIF has sufficient reserves to afford a special appropriation towards roads in the amount of \$159,162. A list has been provided as an attachment for discussion purposes and to give you an example of roadway resurfacing costs.

Alternatives:

The above proposal is a beginning towards addressing the long term Capital Improvements Plan for a 20 year road program. The City is awaiting a decision on approval of the Northern Pass to fund much of its CIP, but it is unknown at this time when this project will be completed.

Attachments / Exhibits:

Resolution #09-16
2017 Road Paving Worksheet



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RESOLUTION #09-16

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which began July 1, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the need for road improvement throughout the City, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) established in the City 2009 under State RSA 261:153 is for the purpose of road infrastructure improvement, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the MTIF fund has a current unobligated balance of approximately \$171,706, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund an amount not to exceed \$159,162 for the purpose of roadway repairs in accordance with the FY17 Road Paving Worksheet as distributed by the Municipal Services Director, Now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 4, 2016 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #09-16 allowing the withdrawal of One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$159,162) from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund and authorizing an increase in FY16 revenues:

Transfer In – Capital Reserve Funds Acct. No. 01-0-000-39150-000 – One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$159,162),

And an increase in expenditure account,

MSD Roadway Maintenance, Other Contracted Services Acct. No. 01-3-122-40490-000 – One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$159,162),

By a roll call vote.

Resolution #09-16

Roll Call:

Councilor Clarenbach _____ **Councilor Dzujna** _____ **Councilor Barton** _____

Councilor Starkweather _____ **Councilor Wells** _____ **Councilor Boyd** _____

Councilor Desrochers _____ **Councilor Giunta** _____ **Councilor Zink** _____

Approved: _____

Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie A. Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____

City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding Resolution #09-16, A Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$159,162 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) for Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs.

Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.

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