

SHORT TITLE: Joint resolution; requiring the Department of Transportation to match transportation federal funds; prioritizing projects in enterprise communities; distribution; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: Rabon of the Senate

and

Matlock and Erwin of the
House

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A Joint Resolution directing the Department of Transportation to match federal transportation funds; directing the Department to prioritize enterprise community projects; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the federal program known as enterprise zones or communities is an important step in assisting local areas to pull themselves out of poverty through the temporary relaxation of bureaucratic regulations; and

WHEREAS, federal funding plays an important role in building and maintaining Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure. Without adequate federal funds, our state's highways and interstates would be inadequate for their continual and safe usage; and

WHEREAS, adequate transportation infrastructure is necessary if enterprise communities are going to recover and expand their economic base. Access to, egress from, as well as adequate roads through enterprise communities are needed for them to have an opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma eagerly supports the concept of enterprise communities and will do whatever is necessary to guarantee their eventual success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to match any new federal highway funds.

SECTION 2. The Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to prioritize any maintenance and new road projects to support the transportation infrastructure access and egress and roads through any enterprise community in the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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