

Senate Finance & Taxation Committee

Senator Jessica Bell, Chairman

Senator Jordan Kannianen, Vice-Chairman

March 22, 2021

Chairman Bell, Members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee:

My name is Keith Hunke and I am the City Administrator for the City of Bismarck.

I am providing written testimony on behalf of the City of Bismarck in support of House Bill 1464.

The Bismarck City Commission voted unanimously at its January 26, 2021 City Commission meeting to support HB 1464.

Many cities in North Dakota use their share of the State motor vehicle fuels tax to support the operations and maintenance of their roads and streets.

Bismarck's roads and streets department is responsible for the year round maintenance of over 366 center lane miles of roadway. Bismarck continues to experience growth in the number of center lane miles and population as depicted on page 2 and page 3 of this testimony.

Bismarck's 2021 budgeted amount for expenditures for the roads and streets department is \$9,822,520. The 2021 budgeted amount for the pass through revenue from the State motor vehicle fuels tax is \$3,566,894. A majority of the revenue deficit in the roads and streets department is made up of transfers from our general fund balance and property tax levy.

HB 1464 is an important piece of legislation that has the opportunity to provide Bismarck and other cities with an increase in its share of the State motor vehicle fuels tax. This revenue increase could offset some of the increasing costs of our roads and street department operations and also reduce the transfer of general fund balance and property tax levy necessary to support our roads and streets department.

On behalf of the City of Bismarck, I urge you to give HB 1464 a DO PASS recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for House Bill 1464.

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Year	New Centerline Miles Added	Total Centerline Miles	State Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax Distribution	Bismarck Population
2020	2.7	366.1	2,519,501.96 *	74,162
2019	1.4	363.4	\$ 3,973,380.92	73,529
2018	2.9	362.0	\$ 3,929,618.84	73,112
2017	1.9	359.1	\$ 3,866,211.23	72,865
2016	3.7	357.2	\$ 3,598,665.81	72,417
2015	5.4	353.5	\$ 4,107,100.85	71,167
2014	6.9	348.1	\$ 4,414,464.68	68,896
2013	7.8	341.2	\$ 4,179,098.58	67,034
2012	8.2	333.4	\$ 3,852,657.96	64,751
2011	1.9	325.2	\$ 3,642,509.26	62,665
2010	4.9	323.3	\$ 3,219,673.92	61,272
2009	1.8	318.4	\$ 2,877,229.39	60,643
2008	6.8	316.6	\$ 3,014,794.58	59,895
2007	8	309.8	\$ 2,687,122.41	59,350

*The 2020 State Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax Distribution is thru November, 2020 and does not include the final December distribution.

