

Bill No. 5071

Ordinance No. _____

Requested by: Steve Ehlmann

Sponsored by: Nancy Schneider

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 21-098, AS AMENDED, FOR REPAIR OF POTHOLES, REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATING CONCRETE ROAD SLABS OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENTS OF COUNTY ROADS AND SUBDIVISION STREETS WITH POOR PAVEMENT CONDITION

WHEREAS, an aggressive initiative to fix potholes, which will include replacing over ten thousand slabs of concrete and miles of asphalt roadways, throughout the County is an important project and will allow the County Highway Department and the municipalities in St. Charles County to maintain quality local roads; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this initiative, County Executive Ehlmann has requested that the Council approve ten million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act Funds for this work and an additional ten million dollars in County's ½-cent Transportation Sales Tax funds to match the municipalities as they fund their 2022 pothole repair and slab replacement programs; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds from the County's ½-cent Transportation Sales Tax funds is possible because the Missouri Department of Transportation is able to fund its own projects, and the County's transportation tax was re-authorized last month by 72% of County voters; and

WHEREAS, the County's ½-cent Transportation Sales Tax allotment will assist St. Charles County municipalities in their own road programs by matching their 2022 pothole repair and slab replacement projects as a 50-50 match, up their share of the ten million dollars from that program based upon their population; and

WHEREAS, as subdivision development has continued to expand in the County over the last three decades, the number of miles of subdivision streets has steadily increased, resulting in a growing list of work that needs to be done on local roadways due to routine traffic and seasonal weather extremes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Fund Final Rule issued earlier this year authorized governments to spend up to ten million dollars for government services; and

WHEREAS, while the municipalities in St. Charles County collectively received more than Forty Five Million dollars in ARPA funds, the County is not requiring them to program any of those funds for street repair or replacement, but instead is matching municipal street budgets 50-50, with the maximum funds available to a municipality based on a per-capita allocation of the Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) in the County's ½-cent Transportation Sales Tax Funds; and

WHEREAS, under this plan, St. Charles County municipalities will be able to seek reimbursement from the county for their cost to replace broken concrete slabs and reconstruct asphalt roads that are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance has reviewed the Transportation Sales Tax accounts and determined that

there are sufficient funds to support the matching program; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article VI, Section 6.208 authorizes the County Council to provide by ordinance any and all procedures for administering the budget that are necessary and that do not conflict with the language contained in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The budget related to the American Rescue Plan Act (Fund 761), page 416 of the Budget, as amended, as adopted in St Charles County, Missouri, budget for fiscal year 2022 (initially adopted by Ordinance 21-098), is hereby amended as follows:

1. Establish in American Rescue Plan Act (Fund 761) Line Item 7614600-46661 “Concrete Slab Repair and Replacement and Asphalt Repair, Replacement and Overlay” an amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000).
2. Decrease American Rescue Plan Act (Fund 761) Line Item 7614600-47256 “Justice Center” by an amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for an amended total in Line Item 7614600-47256 “Justice Center” of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of passage and approval.

DATE PASSED

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

REGISTRAR