RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WELLSTON, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING THAT THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY CONSTRUCT AN INDUSTRIAL ROAD DESCRIBED HEREIN.

- WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) operates a turnpike system within Oklahoma that connects seamlessly with the state highway/interstate and local road system; and
- WHEREAS, improvements to Oklahoma's interconnected transportation system of turnpikes, state highways, and local roads must be coordinated to leverage resources, improve safety, and ensure a seamless operation for the benefit of all Oklahomans; and
- WHEREAS, the OTA has made coordinating and partnering with state and local entities a priority throughout its history; and
- WHEREAS, the ACESS program includes major improvements to the existing turnpike system by expanding capacity and constructing new interchanges; and
- WHEREAS, these transportation infrastructure improvements and new interchanges will improve safety on the Turner Turnpike; and
- WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure improvements and new interchanges will improve access to communities and are expected to provide additional economic development opportunities in our city and others throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS, these transportation infrastructure improvements include widening the entirety of the Turner Turnpike/I-44 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and
- WHEREAS, the ACCESS program includes improvements to the Turner Turnpike/I-44 and SH-66 interchange within Wellston City limits, by constructing a Button-Hook interchange that will modify the access point at SH-66 within Wellston City limits (Wellston Interchange Project); and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Wellston recognizes the importance of local roadways, connecting to the Wellston Interchange Project, to support industrial development, economic growth, and the general welfare of the Town and its residents; and
- WHEREAS, the paving of these local roadways will improve transportation access, enhance safety, and provide necessary infrastructure to accommodate existing and future industrial activity; and
- WHEREAS, in the interest of furthering the goals of coordinating efforts on transportation infrastructure improvements and economic development, the City of Wellston has an interest in discussing and partnering with the OTA to facilitate the Wellston Interchange Project and improvements to the local roadways; and
- WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority ("OTA") has expertise to complete the paving of local roadways in cooperation with the Town of Wellston;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Wellston, Oklahoma:

The Town of Wellston hereby formally requests that, as part of the Wellston Interchange Project, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority pave the roadways legally described in the attached Exhibits "A", "B", "C", and "D" (the "Industrial Road").

The Town of Wellston affirms its support for this project and will cooperate with OTA to facilitate the paving of the Industrial Road. The town of Wellston will accept the transfer of the real property described in the legal descriptions.

The Mayor and Town Clerk are authorized and directed to provide this Resolution to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and to take such further steps as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this <u>I</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2025, by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Wellston, Oklahoma.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Jessica Couch, City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legality:

William W. Wheeler, Town Attorney

TOWN OF WELLSTON, OKLAHOMA

A Municipal Corporation

Brandon Hunt, Mayor