

House Concurrent Resolution No. 48

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Transportation has begun "The New I-64
2 Project" to rebuild and upgrade all pavement, bridges, and interchanges on I-64/US40 between
3 Spoede Road in St. Louis County and Kingshighway Blvd. in St. Louis City; and
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5 **Whereas**, the current plans include the closing of portions of I-64 during
6 construction. The western half of the New I-64 Project from Ballas to Brentwood is scheduled
7 to be closed in 2008 and the eastern half of the New I-64 Project from I-170 to Kingshighway
8 Blvd. is scheduled to be closed in 2009; and
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10 **Whereas**, I-64/US 40 is one of the most vital transportation arteries in the St. Louis
11 region; and
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13 **Whereas**, additional alternative routes during the proposed closing of I-64 include
14 Page, Olive, Manchester, and Lindbergh, with signals on these roads being upgraded to help
15 move traffic; and
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17 **Whereas**, approximately 120,000 to 140,000 vehicles travel on I-64/US 40 every
18 day; and
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20 **Whereas**, while the New I-64 Project will provide much needed improvements,
21 the closing of portions of I-64 for a two-year period is an unacceptable component of the New
22 I-64 Project; and
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24 **Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Transportation has never throughout its 33
25 year history closed a major highway during reconstruction; and

26 **Whereas**, between now and 2010, 6,000 vehicles per hour will have to travel on
27 alternative routes, with 3,000 of those vehicles estimated to travel I-44 and I-70 as alternative
28 routes. The other alternative routes suggest by the Missouri Department of Transportation do
29 not have the capacity to handle the additional 3,000 vehicles per hour; and

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31 **Whereas**, the current traffic flow on I-64 in the portions of St. Louis County and
32 St. Louis City slated for closure will provide undue hardship for residents of the County and City
33 as well as the large volume of vehicular traffic that travels those portions of I-64 on an annual
34 basis; and

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36 **Whereas**, the closing of I-64/US 40 and the diverting traffic to interior roads, such
37 as Olive, Ladue, and Clayton Roads, will significantly increase the traffic flow around the
38 numerous elementary schools, fire departments, and the two largest hospitals located in the
39 region; and

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41 **Whereas**, the closing of portions of a major interstate will result in an enormous
42 disruption and confusion for commercial traffic, commuters, residents of this State, and visitors
43 to the area; and

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45 **Whereas**, an alternative to complete closure of portions of I-64 for 2008 and 2009
46 needs to be developed to reduce the disruption to traffic in the St. Louis County and St. Louis
47 City area:

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49 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
50 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
51 concurring therein, hereby requests that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
52 and the Missouri Department of Transportation reconsider their proposal to close Highway 40
53 (I-64) during scheduled road improvements in the St. Louis area; and

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55 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
56 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
57 Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and Pete Rahn, the Director of the
58 Department of Transportation.