

RESOLUTION NO. 1354

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND REQUESTING THAT THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELEASE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND GRANTS THAT WERE SET ASIDE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR "CAPITAL RELATED PROJECTS" IN FY 06

WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly, in its 2005 session, appropriated Transportation Trust Fund funds to be distributed to units of local government based on Highway User Revenue distribution formulae; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly set aside these funds to be used by units of local government for "capital related projects... which have a useful life of at least 15 years and a cost in excess of \$50,000"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly mandated that the Maryland Department of Transportation establish rules for the award of these capital grant funds to units of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation has not yet established such rules; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation has now indicated that these funds may not be distributed to the intended units of local government; and

WHEREAS, if the Secretary of the Department of Transportation does not distribute these funds to the intended units of local government, that action would be counter to the mandate of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury will lose \$96,724 if these funds are not distributed by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council requests that the Secretary of the Department of Transportation immediately take the necessary steps to release the "capital project" grant funds that were set aside by the 2005 General Assembly to be distributed to units of local government..

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 23rd day of January, 2006 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Colegrove

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Michael P. Dunn

PRESIDENT, City Council

Barrie P. Tighman
MAYOR, City of Salisbury