

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to select the City of Columbus as the award winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio (The House of Representatives concurring):

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced on December 7, 2015, the Smart City Challenge, which is a grant program to be awarded on a competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, In order to be awarded a grant under the Smart City Challenge, a mid-sized city must demonstrate how advanced data and intelligent transportation system technologies and applications can be used to reduce congestion, keep travelers safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change, connect underserved communities, and support economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus was named as one of seven finalists from an original pool of seventy-eight applicants that are eligible to receive funding for capital improvements and operations for the purpose of demonstrating advanced data and intelligent transportation system technologies that are capable of meeting the stated goals of the Smart City Challenge; and

WHEREAS, The city that is selected under the Smart City Challenge will be awarded a \$40 million USDOT grant, with a potential additional grant of \$10 million from USDOT's electric vehicle vendor, Paul Allen's Vulcan, in addition to tens of millions of dollars of in-kind contributions from Alphabet's Sidewalk Labs, Amazon Web Services, Autodesk, MobileEye, and NXP; and

WHEREAS, Grant money awarded to the city that is selected under the Smart City Challenge will be used to assist that city in implementing its proposed demonstration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge USDOT to select the City of Columbus as its winner for the Smart City Challenge based on Columbus' ability to create a twenty-first century transportation system that will be a model for other cities around the country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Mayor of the City of Columbus, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Adopted _____, 20____