

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
MAY 15, 2018 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST RELINQUISHMENT OF STATE HIGHWAY N85 (84 <sup>TH</sup> STREET)	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOE SOUCIE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the submittal of a letter to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requesting relinquishment of La Vista's portion of State Highway N85 (84<sup>th</sup> Street).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City would become responsible for future maintenance costs on the stretch of roadway.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND**

As it relates to the redevelopment of 84<sup>th</sup> Street, the relinquishment of Highway N85 (84<sup>th</sup> Street) from Harrison Street to Giles Road has been a significant topic of discussion as a means of allowing the City more control over this roadway in terms of items such as signage, traffic control, speed limit, landscaping, etc. With the completion of Phase I of the Streetscape Project, it has become clear that in order to do many of the improvements outlined in this plan, the City needs to have control of this corridor.

NDOT District Engineer Tim Weander has met with the City on several occasions during the development of the streetscape design and has indicated that in order for NDOT to consider relinquishment, a formal request letter needs to be submitted. A draft of said letter is attached. As part of the relinquishment process, the City has a right to negotiate for some future maintenance costs and/or other items of benefit.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER TO THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) REQUESTING RELINQUISHMENT OF LA VISTA'S PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY N85 (84<sup>TH</sup> STREET) FROM HARRISON STREET TO GILES ROAD.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vista has determined that the relinquishment of La Vista's portion of State Highway N85 (84<sup>th</sup> Street) is desirable; and

WHEREAS, the relinquishment of La Vista's portion of State Highway N85 (84<sup>th</sup> Street) will allow the City of La Vista to have more control over this roadway, which will help to facilitate implementation of the Streetscape Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order for the NDOT to consider said relinquishment the City must submit a formal letter of request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the submittal of a letter to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requesting relinquishment of La Vista's portion of State Highway N85 (84<sup>th</sup> Street) from Harrison Street to Giles Road.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2018.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

May 15, 2018

Mr. Timothy Weander  
4425 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 45461  
Omaha, NE 68145-0461

Dear Mr. Weander,

I am contacting you regarding the portion of State Highway N85, which lies within the corporate limits of the City of La Vista. Specifically, the portion of N85 between Harrison Street on the north and Giles Road on the south.

Please accept this letter as the City of La Vista's official request that the section of N85 mentioned above be relinquished from State control to local control by the City of La Vista. On May 15, 2018 Resolution number 18-xxxx was approved by the La Vista City Council stating their desire to request the relinquishment. The City of La Vista would like this to transpire as soon as possible.

As we have discussed with you previously, legislation was recently passed requiring a negotiation component as part of the relinquishment process. The City of La Vista and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) District II currently have a rehabilitation project scheduled for this section of N85 in 2019. We would request that this project and participation by NDOT remain in place.

The City of La Vista understands that upon relinquishment of this section of N85, the NDOT maintains control of the right-of-way along the N85 corridor. In lieu of any future rehabilitation cost sharing programs for this section of N85, the City of La Vista would request complete control of the right-of-way along N85 from Harrison Street to Giles Road.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (402) 331-8927 or [jsoucie@cityoflavista.org](mailto:jsoucie@cityoflavista.org) with any questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

Joe Soucie, PWLF  
Director of Public Works