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RESOLUTION NO. 07-513

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA  
AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDING OF REPAIRS TO THE SOUTH BROADWAY  
BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County depend upon reliable transportation facilities, including bridges that safely convey travelers over natural and man-made impediments, and that such facilities are important to meeting the demands of public convenience and necessity; and

WHEREAS, recent national events have demonstrated the serious potential damage and injury that can result from use of bridges that have been improperly maintained; and

WHEREAS, The City has, as a precaution against such potential, indefinitely closed the bridge carrying South Broadway traffic over the Union Pacific Railroad, serving a major traffic way, resulting in substantial disruption to commerce and personal travel; and

WHEREAS, engineering evaluations of that bridge after it has been closed indicate that repairs to the bridge, conducted on an emergency basis, can safely and with relative speed return the bridge to service and alleviate the traffic congestion created by the bridge closure; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to proceed outside of the normal bidding procedures and to ratify the response of staff as necessary to address emergency repairs to City infrastructure when a public exigency or an emergency has been designated and approved by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has so designated and approved the repairs for the South Broadway bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (South of the John Mack Bridge) pursuant to

Section 2.64.020 (a) and (c), limited to \$500,000 in total expenditures from the capital improvement projects fund, and has taken reasonable and prudent steps to address the emergency and public exigency created by the condition of the South Broadway bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA THAT:

The actions and decisions of the City Manager and City staff to secure a qualified contractor with sufficient expertise, resources and available personnel to immediately commence, and prosecute to completion, the repairs necessary to make the South Broadway bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad serviceable for safe passage, up to a maximum of \$500,000 from the capital improvement project fund, and return such bridge to service as soon as reasonably possible are hereby approved and ratified.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA this 11th day of September 2007.

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Carl Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Sublett  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Gary E. Rebenstorf  
Director of Law and City Attorney