



CITY OF  
**REXBURG**  
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## **Resolution 02-19-1975**

### A RESOLUTION TO THE 43<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE

The Rexburg City Council urges the Idaho legislators assembled at Boise for the First regular session of 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, to make a special appropriation to the Department of transportation from the General Fund Surplus, sufficient to provide matching funds for the recently released Federal Highway Funds. We feel it is important that the State of Idaho use the full amount of money allotted to Idaho for highway construction and we ask that the legislature place a priority on Highway 20-191 for completion as soon as it is possible. We take this action for the following reasons.

1. Highway 20-191 is one of Idaho's most heavily traveled routes. It serves an important farming and livestock section. Tourists travel is heavy as it is Idaho's route to West Yellowstone, the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. It serves Industry, potato processing plants and is a truck route form the Great Lakes, Chicago heartland to the intermountain area and west coast. At present the mileage form Chester, Idaho on the north to Idaho Falls on the South is a bottleneck. It slows traffic movement. The congestion is a traffic hazard. It discourages tourists travel to Yellowstone or the Island Park Playground of Idaho. It is costly and hazardous to the citizens of Idaho, especially those living in East Idaho who must depend on this inadequate highway arterial.
2. We commend those legislators who are seeding to use the General fund to surplus to provide a tax refund for Idaho's taxpayers but we point out to all members of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislature that the improvement of highway 20-191 would result in a much greater saving to east Idahoans than the meager 10 or 12 per cent one-time tax refund. Highway improvement and modernization will provide savings for years to come and will strengthen the economy of the entire state.
3. The safety factor of the modern highway to serve the Upper Valley of east Idaho cannot be ignored. The congestion to Highway 20-191 is a serious traffic hazard with a high accident ration per mile traveled. The improvement of this highway could result in a reduction in the number of highway accidents, saving thousands of dollars in property damages as well as human suffering and lives.

We realize the transfer of money from the General Fund to a Dedicated Fun such as the Transportation Department is unusual but the release of impounded Federal Funds and the dire need to rush the improvement of Highway 20-191 and other Idaho highways, is unusual and needed to keep the Idaho economy strong and vibrant.

The resolution passed unanimously by the Rexburg City Council in regular session  
Wednesday, February 19, 1975.

Signed: John C. Porter  
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