


Memorandum No. 09-26

TO: Mayor and City Commissioners
FROM: Doug Russell, City Manager 
RE: Resolution in support of keeping Meridian Bridge open
DATE: February 5, 2009

The Meridian Bridge Committee has met several times in the past couple of months to discuss the decision of the State of South Dakota and State of Nebraska to close the Meridian Bridge to pedestrian traffic. Due to escalated costs, the entire conversion of the Meridian Bridge to a pedestrian bridge has been temporarily delayed. The Meridian Bridge Committee is therefore recommending that the City Commission consider adopting the attached Resolution to temporarily open the top lane of the Meridian Bridge for the Summer of 2009 and forward the Resolution to the State.

RESOLUTION #09-02

A Resolution Stating the Yankton Board of City Commission's Support for Opening the Top Lane of the Meridian Bridge in the Summer of 2009

WHEREAS, the City of Yankton and the State of South Dakota have previously developed a plan to convert the Meridian Bridge to a pedestrian bridge; and

WHEREAS, the current scope of work for the entire conversion has escalated costs and temporarily delayed the conversion of the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota will be performing measurements in the Spring of 2009 to calculate relative life expectancies to determine the feasibility of opening the top lane of the bridge while funding for the full conversion continues to be sought, and

WHEREAS, for the benefit of the community, it is desirable that the use of the Bridge be restored in the most expedient time-frame, and

WHEREAS, preliminary preparations and documents can be prepared in anticipation of the measurement results that would expedite the conversion and opening of the top lane of the Meridian Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yankton Board of City Commissioners do hereby support the recommendation of the Meridian Bridge Committee that the State of South Dakota make necessary preparations for the opening of top lane of the Meridian Bridge for its use during the Summer of 2009.

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Dan Specht
Mayor

Attest:

Al Viereck
Finance Officer