

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 86

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Transportation and St. Louis County have proposed the South County Connector, a limited access roadway project intended to ease the commute between south St. Louis County and Clayton, that has the potential to negatively impact quality of life for residents in the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the proposed South County Connector right-of-way runs through an existing park owned by the City of St. Louis and would displace recreational trails; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayers in St. Louis City and County elected to tax themselves to pay for the MetroLink Blue Line expansion that was built along the same corridor as the South County Connector with the same goals to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce automobile reliance regionally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) insufficiently analyzes the full effects of the proposed limited access roadway on the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, City of St. Louis residents, in addition to the bordering city of Maplewood, whose city council issued a unanimous resolution in opposition to the South County Connector project, have expressed overwhelming disfavor for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the St Louis Board of Aldermen has an obligation to protect resident quality of life, property values, parks and green space, and commerce and should seek capital improvement projects that advance all three.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we oppose the proposed route of the South County Connector and the legitimacy of the draft environmental impact statement, which fails to provide clear and accurate information regarding the impact the highway will have on the study area.

Introduced on the 12th day of July, 2013 by:

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**Honorable Joe Vaccaro, Alderman, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Scott Ogilvie, Alderman, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
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Adopted this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2013 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen