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I want to pass along good news from the City's lobbyists regarding Blaine's funding requests that got approved in the State budget. According to Hannah Jones, with Gordon Thomas Honeywell, "\$500,000 was included in the final capital for the East Blaine Infrastructure project."

Also, in the final transportation budget, the City received \$1 million for grade separation at Bell Road. According to Hannah, "I understand that this is not the full request, nor is it the reduced amount that we asked for when we spoke with Rep. Shewmake last week. However, earlier this week we learned that the transportation budget had a shortfall from declining gas tax revenues. In addition, the Senate did not include any member projects, and the final version needed to include projects from the Senate side, as well as the House. All to say - we are very fortunate to have received the \$1 million.

Thank you to all for your efforts in securing these appropriations.

Sincerely,

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