



May 5, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

The Missouri Soybean Association (MSA) writes in support of City Ordinance #260352, which would vacate a portion of North Olive Street, thus transferring the right-of-way and the operation/maintenance over to Cargill/Paseo.

MSA was founded in 1966 as a not-for-profit, representing Missouri's soybean farmers. MSA serves as the voice of our state's soybean farmers and all who are part of the soybean value chain. Guided by our farmer-elected board of directors, MSA works to protect farmers' freedom to operate and increase family farmers' profitability.

It is our understanding Cargill/Paseo plans to repave the right-of-way of North Olive Street whilst maintaining public accessibility. In conversing with MSA farmer members who haul soybeans to this facility on a regular basis, it is our hope this transfer of responsibility will result in better quality road infrastructure than the current dilapidated thoroughfare that currently exists.

MSA has and will always advocate for improving infrastructure that facilitates getting our farmers' crop to market. For five consecutive years we have worked with the Missouri Legislature to secure State General Revenue funds for low-volume and minor routes, in addition to the investments made through the Missouri Department of Transportation State Transportation Improvement Plan (MODOT-STIP). With many of Missouri's rural road systems crumbling before our eyes, we need to continually invest in road infrastructure to ensure our agricultural economy stays competitive.

While this specific road is outside of a rural area, it is clearly one farmers traverse on a daily basis. Furthermore, while the road is open to the public, it could be argued the vast majority of traffic on this roadway are farmers taking their crop to market. It is for these reasons we partner with Cargill/Paseo on this matter, and advocate for the approval of City Ordinance #260352.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Travlos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Travlos
Director of Policy
Missouri Soybean Association