

RESOLUTION NO. 1044

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT TO THE USDOT**

**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was passed by Congress to preserve and create jobs, invest in transportation infrastructure that will provide long term economic benefits and assist those most affected by the current economic downturn; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Availability for "Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" or "TIGER Discretionary Grants" for transportation improvements with a minimum grant of \$20 million; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments are eligible to apply and may request a waiver of the \$20 million minimum grant request; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for an east-west corridor through the City connecting U.S. Highway 231 to the west at Montgomery Street through central areas of the City eastward to Troy University and George Wallace Drive has long been recognized and is included in the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this inclusion, the project has been fully reviewed and vetted during the comprehensive planning process and is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars; and


**WHEREAS**, Troy University is fully in support of the project, providing information and assistance during the application process as well as donation of rights-of-way for the proposed new road construction on the eastern segment of the improvements proposed;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that:

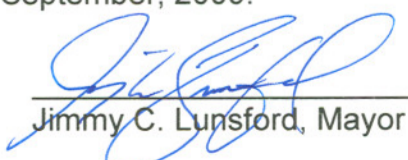
- 1) That the City submit an application to the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.
- 2) That the City request the \$20 million grant minimum request be waived to allow the City to request a lesser amount that will construct the proposed improvements.
- 3) That Jimmy Lunsford, in his capacity as Mayor is authorized to sign all grant related documents and certifications on behalf of the City and take such action as necessary to submit the application and, should it be funded, to implement the project as proposed.

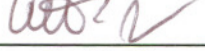
ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
John H. Witherington  
Council President

ATTEST:   
Alton E. Starling, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
Jimmy C. Lunsford, Mayor

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