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September 14, 2009

Honorable Jimmy Lunsford
Mayor
City of Troy
Post Office Box 549
Troy, Alabama 36081

Subject: Support of Road Improvements to benefit Pike County

Dear Mayor:

The Pike County Commission recognizes that we have traffic issues in and around Troy University (TU) which will only worsen as TU expands both academically and otherwise. Further, we are so pleased that a new company is planning to locate in the city and create between 300 to 500 jobs over the next few years.

Unfortunately without some road improvements to support this growth, we fear that traffic along Madison Street, South Brundidge Street and George Wallace Drive will deteriorate to a point that our County-seat will turn into a traffic nightmare of log jams and bottlenecks that decrease the quality of life for all residents, students and visitors.

As such, we recommend that the City look at widening Montgomery Street, Madison Street, South Brundidge Street, South Three Notch Street and possibly inter-connecting Madison and George Wallace Drive to create an east-west route to connect U.S. Highway 231 and possibly link Elm Street to the north to improve traffic flow and facilitate improved access to and from Troy University, as well as residential homes and business establishments.

We will gladly assist and support the City of Troy in any way we can. The Pike County Commission has adopted the attached resolution in support of this project which is so important to our community. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help.

Sincerely,

Robin Sullivan
Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 09-0914

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 (USDOT) provides for "Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" or "TIGER Discretionary Grants" for transportation improvements for which the City is eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Troy is in the process of making application to the USDOT for a TIGER Discretionary Grant to make much needed road improvements within the City; and

WHEREAS, Troy is the Pike County seat and contains the majority of County facilities; and

WHEREAS, road reconfiguration and improvements to provide an east-west traffic corridor north of the Troy University campus are needed to facilitate the flow of traffic in and around the City and Troy University as well as County facilities; and


WHEREAS, the proposed project will enhance the City and County as well as the support the significant capital investment by Troy University for the construction of a new arena and amphitheater as well as facilitate new industry location and the creation of 500 high quality hi-tech jobs within 5 years, and

WHEREAS, these improvements will have a significant positive economic impact on our community, county and region of the state as well as improve the quality of life for all residents and visitors to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pike County Commission

- 1) Acknowledges the need for the proposed project per the attached project description and map;
- 2) Deems that the proposed project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars;
- 3) Fully supports the application and the project as proposed;
- 4) Commends the City of Troy for its commitment to job creation and infrastructure investment.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of September 2009.


Robin Sullivan
Chairman

ATTEST:

Harry Sanders
County Administrator