

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE REUNION PARKWAY/I-55
INTERCHANGE AND RELATED PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined the need for transportation improvements in south Madison County.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) through the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) has approved *2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the Jackson Urbanized Area*, which includes locally sponsored projects in Madison County including Bozeman Road and Reunion Parkway, Phase 3.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has approved *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 2017-2020*, which includes locally sponsored projects in Madison County including Bozeman Road and Reunion Parkway, Phase 3.

WHEREAS, the MPO through CMPDD has approved and provided federal funding (Surface Transportation Program (STP)) to match Madison County funding for Reunion Parkway, Phase 3 – STP/MPO Project #510022 and Bozeman Road – STP/MPO Project #510023.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has developed and approved the *South Madison County Transportation Study* in May 2016 (“2016 Traffic Study”).

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study included network modeling, link capacity analysis, level of service analysis and traffic volume analyses. Said analyses indicated capacity deficiencies, poor levels of service, and high traffic volumes on the local transportation network of south Madison County.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study included crash data analyses. Said analyses illustrated that the network capacity deficiencies, poor levels of service, and high traffic volumes on the local transportation network of South Madison County were root causes of the high number of crashes.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study including Short Term Improvements and Long Term Improvements for implementation by Madison County to relieve the congestion and high number of crashes associated with the South Madison County transportation network. The following Long Term Improvements are vital to the quality of life of the people living and working in South Madison County:

- Bozeman Road
- Gluckstadt Road from Red Oak Plantation to Calhoun Parkway
- Gluckstadt Road from Bozeman Road to Calhoun Parkway
- Reunion Parkway, Phase 2
- Reunion Parkway, Phase 3
- Yandell Road from US 51 to Madison Crossing Elementary

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study includes Figures 7, 8, and 9 which illustrate significant enhancement of the transportation network with the Reunion Parkway Interchange, by decreasing projected traffic volumes on Bozeman Road South of Reunion Parkway, U. S. Highway 51, Gluckstadt Road/I-55 Interchange, and MS 463/I-55 Interchange and connectors.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and the MPO has already recognized the Reunion Interchange as a significant enhancement to the south Madison County transportation network and have already determined the need for projects and have already committed significant federal (STP/MPO) and local funds to Bozeman Road and Reunion Parkway, Phase 3.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study identifies the Reunion Parkway, Phase 2 as the final element necessary to complete the vital Reunion Parkway Interchange in order to address congestion, crash, and quality of life issues identified therein. The Board of Supervisors is committed to prioritizing and fulfilling the all of the Short and Long Term Improvements identified in the 2016 Traffic Study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, because of the aforementioned factors, the Board of Supervisors has identified the Reunion Parkway Interchange of highest priority for implementation.

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors has resolved to pursue federal, state, local, and private funding sources for the implementation of the Reunion Parkway, Phase 2 to complete the Reunion Parkway Interchange. The Board of Supervisors commits to provide equal matching funds for funding appropriations committed by the State of Mississippi.

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors has resolved to continue to seek the support of MDOT to implement the Reunion Parkway Interchange and related improvements to I-55.

_____ did offer and _____ did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Trey Baxter	_____
Supervisor Shelia Jones	_____
Supervisor Gerald Steen	_____
Supervisor David Bishop	_____
Supervisor Paul Griffin	_____

the motion carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the 17th day of January, 2017.

_____, President

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk