

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors identified the needs for transportation improvements in south Madison County.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) approved the *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 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) through the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) approved the *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 MPO through CMPDD 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 adopted 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 indicate capacity deficiencies, poor levels of service, and high traffic volumes on the local transportation network of south Madison County.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study includes crash data analyses. Said analyses illustrate the network capacity deficiencies, poor levels of service, and high traffic volumes on the local transportation network of south Madison County were causes of the high incidence number of crashes.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study includes short term improvements and long term improvements for implementation by Madison County to relieve the congestion and high incidence number of crashes associated with the south Madison County transportation network. The following long term improvements as identified on Attachment “A” hereto 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
- King Ranch Rd from Heindl Rd. to Hwy 22.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study included an urban transportation model for evaluation of traffic pattern changes associated with the proposed diamond interchange with ingress and egress access ramps at I-55/Reunion Parkway and a four-lane divided extension of Reunion Parkway connecting from Bozeman Road with a bridge overpassing I-55 to Parkway East. The model indicated that the proposed interchange at I-55/Reunion Parkway would provide significant diversions of traffic from the existing I-55 interchanges at Mississippi Highway 463 and Gluckstadt Road and decrease the excessive delays and reduce congestion that routinely occur on Mississippi Highway 463, Bozeman Road, Gluckstadt Road, and U. S. Highway 51.

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study illustrates 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. See Attachment “B” hereto.

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Traffic Study identifies Reunion Parkway Phase 2 as 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 identified the Reunion Parkway Interchange of highest priority for implementation.

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors resolves to pursue federal, state legislative, local, and private funding sources for the implementation of the Reunion Parkway Phase 2.

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors commits to provide matching funds for up to \$16 million in funding appropriations committed by the State of Mississippi for the completion of Reunion Parkway Phase 2 and Reunion Parkway Phase 3.

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 Sheila 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 7th day of January, 2019.

Trey Baxter, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk