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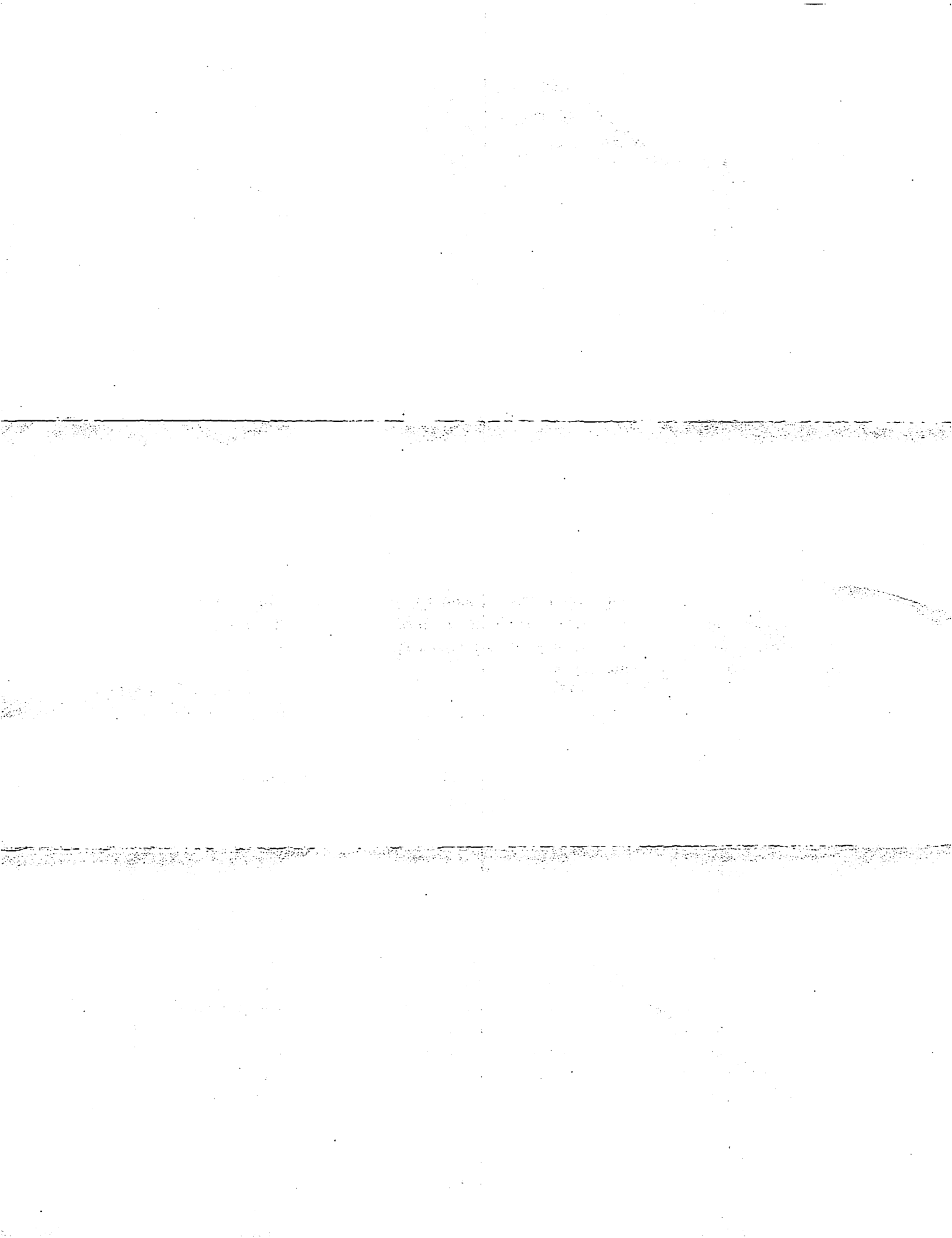
Subject: Improvements to SR 463 at Stribling Road

Dear Mr. Banks:

Through a series of meetings with both Madison County and the Madison County School District, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been made aware of plans to construct a new sixth grade school in the Mannsdale Community. Proposed connectivity at the intersection of MS 463 and Stribling Road will require improvements on the existing roadways to accommodate new traffic movements. The intent of this letter is to provide information regarding funding available through MDOT, requirements to maximize the efficiency of traffic operations in this area, and critical steps to move the project forward.

House Bill 1413 of the 2021 Legislative Session designated Federal Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds apportioned to MDOT for specific projects. Sections 24 (1) and 25 (s) directed a total of \$750,000 towards improvements to the intersection of MS 463 and Stribling Road. These funds will be used in conjunction with other MDOT program funds to provide signalization and turn lanes currently warranted at this intersection. MDOT will work closely with Madison County and their consultant as they develop plans to identify the appropriate improvements. Any improvements required through the permitting process to accommodate traffic associated with the school will be the responsibility of the permittee.

The Madison County School District has provided a site plan for the new school which includes new access at the intersection of MS 463 and Stribling Road. This new access may be granted by permit once all requirements of MDOT's Access Management Manual and the driveway permit have been completed. As a first step in the permitting process, the Madison County School District prepared and submitted a traffic impact study. MDOT reviewed the traffic impact study and met with representatives of the Madison County School District and Yates Construction on March 15, 2021. During that meeting, it was noted that improvements to internal circulation of traffic, specifically improving interconnectivity between existing



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and proposed school sites for parent drop off/pick up, would be required to ensure efficiency on MS 463. This improvement to the site circulation plan will help keep congestion of mainline traffic flow to a minimum. The Madison County School District will be required to submit their proposed circulation plan prior to issuance of the permit.

Based on preliminary discussions, it is our understanding that the project be developed and delivered by the county. Prior to adding the project to the STIP and activating the project in accordance with the Project Development Manual for Local Public Agencies, financial commitments need to be addressed and agreed upon through a memorandum of understanding.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) recognizes the tireless efforts of Madison County and the City of Madison to promote its communities which have resulted in significant residential and commercial growth over the last couple of decades. We look forward to working with the local officials to ensure a safe and efficient solution is delivered.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Trey Baxter – Supervisor District 2, Madison County
Mr. Richard Burge – Assistant Superintendent, Madison County Schools
Commissioner Willie Simmons – Central District Transportation Commissioner