

RESOLUTION OF MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE WIDENING OF WEISENBERGER ROAD IN GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI, INTENDED FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BY THE 2025 SESSION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, over the last four years, Madison County, Mississippi, has experienced strong population growth, of over 4.1%; and of over 14.6 % growth in the last decade alone; and

WHEREAS, commensurate with that growth in population, Madison County, Mississippi, has also enjoyed tremendous economic growth, most notably with the recent acquisition of AWS, which represents the single largest investment in Mississippi's history, of \$10 billion, to build two data center campus', estimated to bring 1,000 new, high-paying jobs to the county; and

WHEREAS, other valuable economic development advances include: ABC Warehouse in Canton, Clark Beverage Group, and the Amazon Fulfillment Center at the Madison County Megasite, the Nissan EV expansion; and the Entergy, Mississippi energy sub-station, and Tony's Tamales in Flora, MS, and in Ridgeland, MS, the Southern Beverage plant and the UPS Distribution Facility, among other economic projects; and

WHEREAS, this growth has placed an inordinate burden on the county's transportation infrastructure, which is rapidly being proven as inadequate to support the significant traffic increases that are being evidenced yearly; and

WHEREAS, Weisenberger Road, in Gluckstadt, Mississippi, an important east-west artery that funnels traffic from Interstate-55, Parkway East, and state highway 51, onto the western parts of the county where many industrial venues are located, is a prime example of a roadway in which traffic congestion has increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, after due study, traffic engineers have determined that traffic congestion would be eased and the convenience of the traveling public would be considerably assisted if Wiesenberger Road would be widened to five-lanes between Parkway East and Highway 51, with expanded turn-lanes and new mast arm traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, after review of the traffic studies, the public authorities of Madison County, Mississippi and Gluckstadt, Mississippi agree that said traffic improvements should be undertaken and agree to solicit the 2025 Mississippi Legislature to achieve the purpose of securing financing for this infrastructure improvement project.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, aligned as one, do hereby approve this Resolution intended to solicit the 2025 Mississippi Legislature, to consider as a priority matter, the funding of the aforesaid improvements to Wiesenberger Road in Gluckstadt, Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after this Resolution has has been approved by both the county and municipal bodies, and signed, respectively, by the mayor and president of the board of supervisors, be presented to the 2025 Mississippi Legislature, for its serious consideration during its assembly, scheduled to commence in January 2025.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES REPRESENTING THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF GLUCKSTADT MISSISSPPI, AND OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

For: GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

For: Madison County, Mississippi

Walter C. Morrison IV, Mayor

Gerald Steen, President

