

**RESOLUTION**  
OF

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

REGARDING SUBMISSION OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR

**TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (“TIGER”)  
GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation on May 15, 2009 announced the availability of \$1.5 billion nationally in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (“TIGER”) competitive grants for capital investment in surface transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, grants are available to local governments, regions, and states ranging from a minimum of \$20 million to a maximum of \$300 million, with a maximum of \$300 million to any one state; and

WHEREAS, criteria that will be used to select grant recipients, include, but are not limited to:

- 1.. Partnership: Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among participants;
2. Must have a significant impact on a region or metropolitan area;
3. Must create jobs; and
4. Improving the quality of life of citizens.

WHEREAS, the South Madison County Municipal Transportation Commission, comprised of the cities of Madison and Ridgeland, intends to file an application for a TIGER grant to construct connector roads to the Interstate 55 split diamond interchange; and

WHEREAS, the application will request \$12.2 million for the purchase of right-of-way for the connector roadways, plus \$11.4 million as the cities’ share of construction costs for the connector roadways, for a total cost of \$23.6 million; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Madison connector road would consist of a five-lane roadway that would extend from the Interstate 55 split diamond interchange to Grandview Boulevard, then to U. S. Highway 51 at Madison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ridgeland connector road would consist of a five-lane roadway that would extend from the split-diamond interchange to Sunnybrook Road, then to U. S. Highway 51 at McClelland Drive; and

WHEREAS, the South Madison County Transportation Commission was formed by the cities of Madison and Ridgeland as a partnership where the two cities would work jointly on transportation projects that impact both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed connector roadways with their connections to a major new Interstate interchange will have a significant impact on the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed connector roadways will create jobs for the design and construction of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, by reducing traffic congestion at the existing Interstate 55 interchanges in Madison and Ridgeland, the proposed connector roadways will improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of southern Madison County; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AREA RECOGNIZES THAT THE PROPOSED CONNECTOR ROADWAYS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIAL IMPACT UPON THE METROPOLITAN AREA; AND

HEREBY ENDORSES THE APPLICATION OF THE SOUTH MADISON COUNTY MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR A TIGER GRANT FOR \$23,600,000.

RESOLVED THIS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.

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Rosemary Aultman, Chairman  
Metropolitan Planning Organization