



Resolution 2012-33

STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CITY OF CLAY

A Resolution in Support of the Completion of the Northern Beltline

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline is a highway project originally planned to provide the Birmingham metropolitan region with a route to complete and connect its interstate system; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline was first conceived in the 1960s and added to the Birmingham Metropolitan Area's long range transportation plan in 1981, but construction of the project has yet to begin over 40 years later; and,

WHEREAS, available federal funding for construction of the Northern Beltline, part of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS), has been authorized by the U.S. Congress, for 100% federal funding for the next ten years, therefore releasing the State of Alabama from any obligation of State matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of the Northern Beltline will increase cross-region accessibility, will reduce travel times and the cost of travel for the public, will improve the state and local economic base, and will provide additional markets for Birmingham and Alabama-produced goods and open new areas for development of much-needed industrial and commercial sites along the route, the current shortage of which is becoming critical and having a negative impact on new job growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, the planning and design of the Northern Beltline has and will continue to include appropriate construction and engineering practices to ensure that the region's natural resources, general environmental quality, and drinking water sources located along the proposed corridor will be minimally impacted and safeguarded for future generations.

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline will improve this region's air quality and the health and safety of area residents by reducing congestion and the corresponding harmful vehicle tailpipe emissions, vehicle accidents, and fatalities, and improve traffic flows, by providing an alternative route for transport of cargos that endanger transportation infrastructure and lives; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Clay and the State of Alabama to complete the Northern Beltline;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clay fully supports the expeditious completion of the Northern Beltline in order to address regional transportation needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Robert Bentley, the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Division Administrator for the Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration, the Chairman of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization, all members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, all members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation, and all members of the Jefferson County Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this the 19th Day of November, 2012.

Attest: _____

Charles K. Webster
Mayor

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk/Treasurer



I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Clay, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Resolution 2012 – 33 lawfully passed and adopted by the City Council named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council, and that such resolution is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

I further certify that said Resolution was posted as required by State Law at the following locations: Chalkville Regions Bank; Clay City Hall; Clay Post Office and the Clay Seniors Center all being in the City of Clay.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City on this 29th Day of November, 2012.

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk/Treasurer