

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY BLOUNT)
TOWN OF SNEAD)

Resolution 2011-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Snead in the State of Alabama, as follows:

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 forty (40) years later; and

WHEREAS, available federal funding for construction of the Northern Beltline has been and will continue to be primarily through the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) as authorized by the U.S. Congress and the associated federal transportation funding must be used for this project or lost to other states to complete ADHS projects outside of Alabama; 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, 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; and

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, 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 interest of the Town of Snead and the State of Alabama to complete the Northern Beltline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Snead Town Council that the Town of Snead, fully supports the expeditious completion of the Northern Beltline in order to address regional transportation needs; and

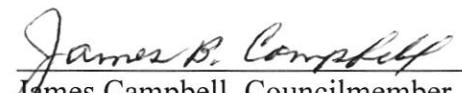
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Snead Town Council, that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Robert Bentley, the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Division Administrator for the Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration, the Chairman of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization, all members of the Alabama Congressional

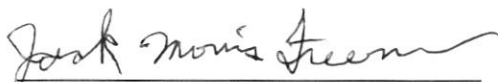
Delegation, all members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation and all members of the Jefferson County Commission.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SNEAD, ALABAMA, that this resolution shall become effective immediately on its passage.

Passed by a (majority) unanimous vote of the Snead Town Council on this the 22nd day of August, 2011 at the Town of Snead Regular Council Meeting.


Tim Kent, Mayor


James Campbell, Councilmember


M. Jack Freeman, Councilmember


Phillip McHan, Councilmember


Curtis Painter, Councilmember


Charles Sanders, Councilmember

Attest: 
Rae Ware, Town Clerk