

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-25

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF STATE ROUTE 22 FROM MARTIN TO UNION CITY AND THE TYSON BYPASS IN UNION CITY AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY LINK TO I-69**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of designating a route for Interstate 69 through West Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 69 has been approved to follow the corridor of U.S. Highway 51, through Obion and Dyer counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee State Route 22 is constructed as an interstate-grade freeway from Martin to Union City, to the interchange of that highway with SR 431 at the Everett-Stewart Airport interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, the nearing completion of the "Tyson Bypass," in Union City, will provide a freeway link from SR 22, at the Everett-Stewart Airport interchange, to U.S. 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor mandated for the location of Interstate 69; and

**WHEREAS**, such a designation of existing highway will require no construction of new highway miles, as SR 22 and the Tyson Bypass are already engineered as interstate-grade highways; and

**WHEREAS**, such a designation would provide Everett-Stewart Airport, a facility shared by Weakley and Obion counties, and part of the federal transportation system, with a federal highway link; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Tennessee at Martin is the State of Tennessee's higher education institution for Northwest Tennessee, and a federal interstate highway link to Martin would be in the interest of that institution and Northwest Tennessee residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Weakley County is without a so-designated highway on the federal interstate system and is served by only one federal route, u.s. 45E, which is a north-south corridor, and such a designation of "I-169" would provide an east-to-west federal corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of SR 22, from Martin to Union City, and the designation of the "Tyson Bypass" from SR 22 to U.S. 51 would be in the interest of the welfare and economic prosperity for all Weakley County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Weakley County Board of Commissioners as follows:

**THAT**, the Weakley County Commission, representing the industrial development efforts of the city of Martin, supports the designation of State Route 22, from Martin to Union City, and the "Tyson Bypass," in Union city, as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69.

**THAT**, the Weakley County Commission supports the I-69 project through West Tennessee and is pursuing this re-designation of existing highways as a means to provide economic development for the City of Martin and for Weakley County by having a link or spur to I-69, with the understanding that the designation would be a three-digit interstate highway number, tentatively referred to, locally, as "Interstate 169."

**Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board of County Commissioners:**

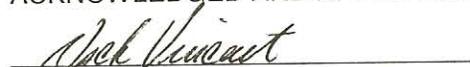
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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

  
Chairman, Legislative Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Vincent that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

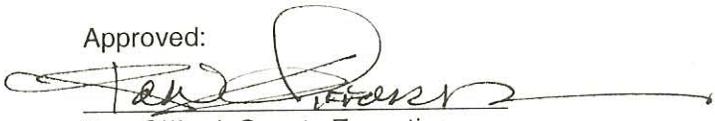
Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion Carried by a vote of 17 Yeas,

0 Nays, 0 Passed and 3 Absent.

Attested:

  
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

Approved:

  
Ron Gifford, County Executive

THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2001