

RESOLUTION 2006- 44**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF STATE ROUTE 22
FROM EAST OF 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 east of Martin to the interchange of that highway with U.S. 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor designated for the location of Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, such a designation of existing highway will require no construction of new highway miles, as State Route 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 the 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 State Route 22, from Martin to Union City, and the designation of the "Tyson Bypass" from State Route 22 to U.S. 51, as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69 would contribute to the economic prosperity of all Weakley County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners, at its regular session on this 27th day of March, 2006 that the Weakley County Commission 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 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."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Phil Bredesen, Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely, House Transportation Committee Chairman Phillip Pinion, Senator Roy Herron, and Representative Mark Maddox.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon the passage by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee.

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

SPONSORED BY:

Wm. R. Buckley

SPONSORED BY:

[Signature]
ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:
[Signature]
Chairman, Hlth, Ed., & Econ. Develop. Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Rook 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 15 Yeas, 0 Nays,
0 Passed and 3 Absent.

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Richard Phebus, Chairman

THIS THE 27th DAY OF MARCH , 2006.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Ron Gifford, County Mayor

VETOED:

Ron Gifford, County Mayor

DATE:

03/30/06

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