A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MACON, GEORGIA NOTIFYING GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("GDOT") THAT THE CITY DID NOT AND DOES NOT AGREE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREST HILL ROAD UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND REQUIRING GDOT RECONSIDER THE DESIGN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Purpose: To notify GDOT that the City did not and does not agree to accept responsibility for Forest Hill Road upon completion of the improvements which are currently proposed and requiring that GDOT reconsider the design.

WHEREAS, although a prior administration executed a "Local State Route Acceptance Resolution," purporting to accept responsibility for Forest Hill Road upon the completion of proposed improvements by Georgia Department of Transportation, it appears that City Council never authorized the administration to make that commitment, which may render the resolution invalid; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mayor and Council passed a resolution requesting that GDOT review and/or implement an alternative design, but that request has been ignored; and

WHEREAS, the design for the road, as currently proposed, threatens the viability of neighborhoods bordering on and adjacent to Forest Hill Road, impedes access by residents and emergency vehicles to said properties, promises to encourage excessive speeds, and marginalizes many of the properties bordering on Forest Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the design for the improvements to Forest Hill Road are necessary for the safety and welfare of citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Macon and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that GDOT is notified that the City of Macon did not, and does not, agree to accept responsibility for ownership and maintenance of Forest Hill Road upon completion of the improvements as they are currently envisioned and that Mayor and Council will require that GDOT reconsider and modify the design before executing a Local State Route Acceptance Resolution.