

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REVIEW REQUIREMENT FOR MACON-BIBB
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF MACON, GEORGIA.**

WHEREAS, the City of Macon, its Mayor, and City Council have responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens, to include transportation systems and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City may enter into contractual or cooperative relationships with other governmental entities to address said responsibilities, but recognizes that such arrangements do not absolve the City of its ultimate responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with the Macon-Bibb Road Improvement Program for management of transportation projects funded by a one cent special local option sales tax and associated Federal and State grants; and

WHEREAS, said delegation of authority was made with the understanding that the Macon-Bibb Road Improvement Program would safeguard the interests and welfare of city and county residents, to include maximizing effective public participation in all aspects related to the planning of road projects; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and quality of neighborhoods and the aesthetics of our roadways are priorities of the City and its Citizens, essential to the continued livability and economic viability of our city, as clearly demonstrated in the recent "Visual Preference Survey" sponsored by the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, all of the critical objectives cited above, together with pedestrian and vehicular circulation and safety, can be achieved through good planning and creative, context-sensitive street design alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the City assumes the burden of maintaining and policing roads and streets within its limits once completed, with said burden and cost aggravated through the inappropriate design and sizing of streets; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb Road Improvement Program's response to concerns of citizens and members of the City of Macon's Mayor, City Council and staff has been inadequate, and has therefore hindered the City in its performance of essential responsibilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Macon, Georgia, that:

1. The City of Macon's designation of the Macon-Bibb Road Improvement Program as its agent for management, design and construction of streets and roadways within the corporate limits of the City of Macon is hereby amended to require formal review and approval by the City of all road designs, new or pending, at preliminary and final stages, within said city limits.

2. This requirement shall be effective immediately; and shall include but is not limited to the following projects:

Southside Connector (Richard Penneman extension)
Forest Hills Road

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2006.