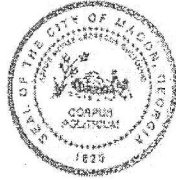


*Mr. Elledge*



ROBERT A.B. REICHERT  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

*City of Macon*

700 POPLAR STREET  
P.O. BOX 247  
MACON, GEORGIA 31202-0247  
(478) 751-7170  
FAX (478) 751-2749

July 6, 2009

Mr. Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 22  
Atlanta, GA 30308

RE: Forest Hill Road  
P.I. No. 351130 and 350520 Bibb County

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for your letter dated June 12, 2009, which was received in my office on June 19. I understand and appreciate the concern of your department regarding local support for the Forest Hill Road Project. As you know, this has been an emotionally charged debate within our community.

The City of Macon technically has no direct involvement in the implementation of the project that was included and approved by the voters as part of the Roads Program; the Road Improvement Program, which was funded by a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that passed in 1994, specified that Bibb County was the responsible entity for implementation of the program.

As Mayor of Macon, I have indicated my support for improvement of Forest Hill Road, and while I do concur with efforts to include and consider all citizen input and/or objection, I think that the project needs to be completed. Nevertheless, I recognize your desire to have support for this project expressed by local elected officials.

It is my understanding that numerous concessions have been made by Bibb County, with the help of the design firm of Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc., and the design of the roadway has been altered to address as many concerns of the local community as practical. I further understand that the current plan has a number of features designed to mitigate the impact of the improved roadway. Despite the concessions, I understand that some citizens are still not satisfied with the design, but that further requested modifications have been deemed unacceptable by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

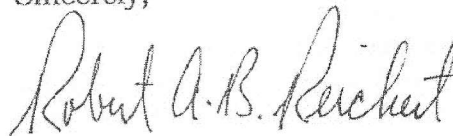
Mr. Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Page 2

---

Accordingly, rather than lose the project, I am in favor of completing it with the mitigation features that have been incorporated to date, and as most recently designed with three lane portion between Wimbish Road and Northside Drive, and four lanes, with turning lanes at Ridge, from Wimbish to Vineville Avenue.

Please accept this letter as my personal support for this project as outlined above.

Sincerely,



Robert A. B. Reichert  
Mayor

RABR/ns

c: The Honorable Sam Hart  
Mr. Ken Sheets, Bibb County Engineer