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Jonesboro, Arkansas

Honorable Doug Formon
Mayor
City of Jonesboro
City Hall, Room 200
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DATE 5/22/06
DONNA K. JACKSON
CITY CLERK

Dear Mayor Formon:

The City Council adopted an ordinance on April 18, 2006 that supported providing \$1 million towards the construction cost of the Westside Overpass Project.

One of the stipulations was the adoption of a resolution by the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees. Our Board adopted the attached resolution at its meeting on May 4, 2006.

Thank you for all the support the City has provided to date for the Westside Overpass Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennus L. Burton".

Jennus L. Burton
Vice President of Finance
and Administration

c: Dr. Les Wyatt
Honorable Donna Jackson, City Clerk, City of Jonesboro

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 972-3303

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Jonesboro concerning the funding and construction of the Westside Overpass.

ISSUE: The City of Jonesboro has passed a resolution approving \$1 million for the ASU-Jonesboro (ASUJ) Westside Overpass total project budget use with certain caveats; one requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution in support of the project and certain other related requirements.

BACKGROUND:

- ASUJ has been managing the design and financing of a new overpass to span the railroad tracks at the south end of campus and replace two at-grade railroad crossings. This project will make the area safer and improve the quality of life for students, faculty, staff, and Jonesboro community members.
- The total project is estimated to cost \$17,214,218. This estimate was produced in May 2005. ASUJ has been successful in acquiring slightly over \$15 million in funding commitments from the Federal Government and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD). ASUJ has requested \$1 million from the City of Jonesboro to assist with the total project costs. The Jonesboro City Council adopted an ordinance on April 18, 2006, that supports providing the \$1 million with the following stipulations:
 1. ASUJ must seek approval from the AHTD for permission to include the drainage condition repair at Marshall Estates as add alternate number one to include construction of a drainage pipe and erosion control. If the \$17.2 million budget cannot fund this add alternate, then the City of Jonesboro will be obligated to fund the full or partial cost of the drainage pipe and erosion control construction.
 2. Add alternate number one will be funded before any additional changes or add alternates occur.
 3. The design for the add alternate number one must be provided by the City of Jonesboro.
 4. ASUJ's consultant Carter Burgess has certified that the detention pond currently designed will be sufficient to receive the runoff from Marshall Estates property through a drainage pipe to be designed.
 5. Carter Burgess certifies that the removal of the bridges on Caraway Road will not have significant impact to the water surface elevation upstream or downstream.

Arkansas State University

Board of Trustees

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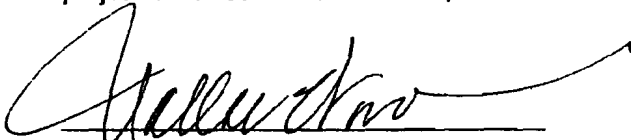
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- The City of Jonesboro has requested that the ASU Board of Trustees adopt this resolution before they commit the future funding.
- The City of Jonesboro has asked that all of the herein described conditions be met before the City will include funds in the annual 2007 and 2008 adopted budgets at \$500,000 per year.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to enter into this agreement with the City of Jonesboro to acquire \$1 million towards the funding needs for the Westside Overpass total project cost needs. Furthermore, ASUJ will meet all of the requirements stated herein.


Dallas Wood, Secretary


Jim Pickens, Chair