

Re 2/25/08

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY
AND
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Dan Flowers
Director
Phone (501) 569-2000 Fax (501) 569-2400



P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2261
WWW.ARKANSASHIGHWAYS.COM

February 21, 2008

The Honorable Doug Formon
Mayor of Jonesboro
P.O. Box 1845
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Mayor Formon:

Reference is made to your request for a traffic study to be conducted at the intersection of Highway 63 South Bound off ramp and Highway 49 (Southwest Drive) in Jonesboro.

In order for the traffic signal to be eligible for Federal-aid funding, it must meet the minimum warrants for signalization as outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). A study has been completed which included a 24-hour traffic count, a review of accident history, and an on-site investigation. The results of the study indicate that a traffic signal for this intersection is warranted as outlined in the MUTCD.

A signalization project for this intersection is eligible for 80% Federal-aid and 20% State funding for construction and engineering costs. The City will be responsible for 100% of the cost of any additional right-of-way or utility adjustments required. Also, the City will be responsible for providing electrical power and maintenance. The estimated construction and engineering costs for this project is \$130,000.

A copy of a sample Resolution is enclosed for the City to pass should you desire to pursue this project. After the Resolution is passed and signed, please return the Resolution to the Department and a project will be programmed.

There is an approximate two to three year backlog of traffic signal projects waiting for funding. If the City desires to expedite this traffic signal improvement by utilizing City resources, we will issue a Permit to the City to make the improvements using 100% City funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan Holmes".

Allan Holmes
Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations

Enclosure

c: Director
Deputy Director and Chief Engineer
Programs and Contracts
Planning and Research
Maintenance
Roadway Design
District 10

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT:

*Installation of Traffic Signal
Highway 63 South Bound Off Ramp @ Highway 49
Craighead County*

WHEREAS, The City of Jonesboro understands Federal-Aid Surface Transportation funds are available for certain City projects at the following Federal participating ratios:

Type Work	Work Phase	Federal Share	State Share	City Match
Traffic Signals/Intersection Improvements: All approaches on the State Highway System	Construction & Engineering	80%	20%	0%
	Right-of-Way & Utilities	0%	0%	100%

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1: The City will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility in this project, which includes providing electrical services and maintenance of the traffic signal and associated control equipment.

Section 2: The City is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of this City project.

Section 3: The City pledges full support and hereby authorizes the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department to initiate action to continue this City project.