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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; The Morgan County Commission met on May 2, 2018 with a quorum present and authorized the Commission President to endorse an appropriate resolution supporting efforts by concerned citizens of the County, including but not limited to the 522 Bypass Task Force, to modify the current West Virginia Department of Highways design for the 522 Bypass, does hereby endorse the following resolution;

WHEREAS; The Morgan County Commission strongly supports the 522 Bypass as an important contributor to the future growth and development of the County, and an enhancement to the quality of life for all visitors to and residents of the County;

WHEREAS; The Morgan County Commission wishes that as the result of the 522 Bypass, the economic viability of the County's downtown business district along the current 522 be preserved and enhanced;

WHEREAS; The Morgan County Commission wishes that the 522 Bypass will secure the future safety and well-being of all residents of the neighborhoods, and travelers along the streets and byways intersected by the 522 Bypass;

WHEREAS; The Morgan County Commission feels that modest modifications to the current West Virginia Department of Highway design for the 522 Bypass can be made without causing undue delays or costs for the 522 Bypass Project in order to accommodate the above mentioned concerns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; This second day of May, 2018 that the Morgan County Commission respectfully requests that the West Virginia Department of Highways consider and implement reasonable modifications to its current design for the 522 Bypass that would:

- a) Allow non-truck traffic heading north along the current 522 to proceed along the current 522 to downtown Berkeley Springs and beyond without being forced to exit on to the southernmost entrance to the 522 Bypass and thereafter returning to 522 via the various turnoffs that the current design provides;**
- b) Allow non-truck traffic heading south along the current 522 to proceed along the current 522 to downtown Berkeley Springs and beyond without being**

forced to exit on to the northernmost entrance to the 522 Bypass and thereafter returning to 522 via the various turnoffs that the current design provides;


- c) Implement appropriate signage, traffic control, speed limits, weight restrictions for traffic exiting the 522 Bypass – along with maintenance of appropriate road width and quality near those exits - to ensure the safety of residents, drivers and pedestrians in the neighborhoods adjacent to Myers Road, Sugar Hollow Road, Johnson Mills Road, and any other local road or byway likely to experience added traffic as a result of the 522 Bypass.

Joel Tuttle, President
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Attest:

Kimberly Nickles





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May 7, 2018

Mr. RJ Scites, P.E.
Director, Engineering Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Mr. Scites:

On behalf of the Morgan County Commission (MCC), let me express our appreciation to the WV DOH and your project team for moving the 522 Bypass project closer to a reality. This project, essential to the economic development and quality of life for our County, has been under consideration for many years. We can't tell you how pleased we are to see the progress DoH and your team of engineers have made to make this actually happen.

We applaud the design your team has developed. The MCC desires that as the result of the 522 Bypass, the economic viability of the County's downtown business district along the current 522 be preserved. We further hope that the 522 Bypass will secure the safety and well-being of all residents of the neighborhoods, and travelers along the streets and byways intersected by the 522 Bypass.

The MCC feels that modest modifications to the current design for the 522 Bypass can be made without causing undue delays or additional costs to accommodate the above mentioned goals. We respectfully offer, for your consideration, the following suggested modifications to the current design:

1. Allow non-truck traffic heading north to proceed along the current 522 to downtown Berkeley Springs and beyond without being forced to exit on to the southernmost entrance to the 522 Bypass and thereafter having to return to 522 via the various turnoffs that the current design provides;
2. Allow non-truck traffic heading south to proceed along the current 522 to downtown Berkeley Springs and beyond without being forced to exit on to the northernmost entrance to the 522 Bypass and thereafter having to return to 522 via the various turnoffs that the current design provides;
3. Implement appropriate signage, traffic control, speed limits, weight restrictions for traffic exiting the 522 Bypass – along with maintenance of appropriate road width and quality near those exits - to ensure the safety of residents, drivers and pedestrians in the neighborhoods adjacent to Myers Road, Sugar Hollow Road, Johnson Mills Road, and other local roads or byways likely to experience added traffic as a result of the 522 Bypass.

While we have some specific proposals to offer on how these goals could better be achieved, we will wait to share our ideas with your team at an appropriate time and place of your choosing.

As always, we respect the engineering experience and expertise of your team. We also appreciate the unique opportunity Morgan County has to build the Bypass in the near future, and wish to do nothing to jeopardize the project. However, we do feel that it's critical to consider reasonable modifications to the current design in order to realize the full potential the Bypass has to offer our County, as well as the rest of the state of West Virginia.

Many thanks for your consideration,



Joel Tuttle
President, Morgan County Commission

Cc: The Honorable Charles Trump, West Virginia Senate
The Honorable Daryl Cowles, West Virginia Delegate
Lori Hansroth, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce