

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR THE “BUILD”  
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO FUND THE SOUTH CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI ROADWAY  
IMPROVEMENT INITIATION PROGRAM FOR SOUTH-CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 17, 2018, the United States Department of Transportation gave formal notice of its intent to fund a ninth round of the **BUILD** Discretionary Grant Program for FY 2018 in the amount of \$1.5 billion to be rewarded to communities and regional partnerships nationwide for transportation enhancement programs, and

**WHEREAS**, guidelines for the **BUILD** program selection criteria encourage, first and foremost, projects that develop a “1. *State of Good Repair*: Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs and improve resiliency,” and

**WHEREAS**, Copiah County and the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi routinely experiences interruptions of their county transportation networks due to surface and bridge failures and other critical problems that consume each county’s limited transportation funding and prohibits each county’s road department from making progress on other needed transportation projects, and


**WHEREAS**, applications for the **BUILD** Discretionary Grant Program, due on July 18, 2018, are more likely to be considered if submitted by multiple applicants and the proposed project has a regional impact, and

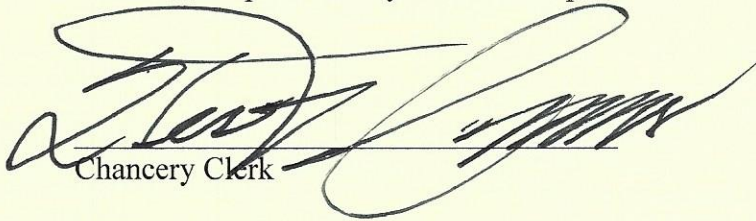
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Copiah County and the City of Hazlehurst, agree to consider themselves a rural regional applicant for the **BUILD** program and hereby agree to authorize their common consultant, Daphine Foster, PhD, to submit a **BUILD** application on their behalves, and further agree to provide whatever maps, materials, reports, and other data are required, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives from both applicants, and their local engineers, shall agree upon selected roads and streets from each entity to receive **BUILD**-funded rehabilitation, so as to deliver the most complete and interconnected county roadway network in the region that will allow safe, efficient transportation among and between all five applicants, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, considering the funding problems our state and region face, and the high costs of transportation maintenance in our rural and disadvantaged region, that the awarding of a **BUILD** Grant is the best and most complete way for both applicants to regain control of the local transportation systems, and both applicants offer their full support to Daphine Foster, PhD, for the completion of this application.

Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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President, Copiah County Board of Supervisors

  
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Chancery Clerk





**Federal Wage Rate Certification**

I, Daryl McMillian, on behalf of the County of Copiah, Mississippi, a co-sponsoring agency for the Copiah transportation project, hereby certify that the County of Copiah will comply with the subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code (Federal Wage Rate Requirements), the County of Copiah's Prevailing Wage Ordinance, and any other wage rate certifications required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or other federal regulations, if awarded BUILD Grant funds for this project.



Daryl McMillian, President  
Copiah County Board of Supervisors

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018

**Certification Under the American  
Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

Pursuant to the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA"), I, Daryl McMillian, do hereby certify that the infrastructure investment funded by ARRA has received full review and vetting by law and I accept responsibility that such investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

I understand that my local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.



Daryl McMillian, President  
Copiah County, Mississippi  
Board of Supervisors

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of JUNE, 2018