

**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**, Copeiah County and the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi routinely experience interruptions of their transportation networks due to surface and bridge failures and other critical problems that consume the County and City's limited transportation funding and prohibits County and City'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 Copeiah 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 and city roadway network in the region that will allow safe, efficient transportation among and between all five applicants, and

**Federal Wage Rate Certification**

I, Shirley Sandifer, on behalf of the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, a co-sponsoring agency for the South Central-Mississippi 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.


  
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Shirley Sandifer, Mayor  
City of Hazlehurst

Signed this 5th 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, Shirley Sandifer, 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 .

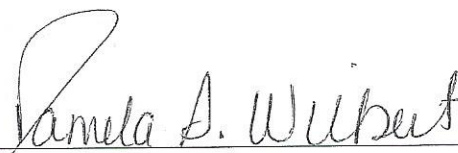
  
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Shirley Sandifer, Mayor  
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Signed this 5th day of June, 2018

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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Mayor, City of Hazelhurst

  
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City Clerk      Deputy