

Resolution on a South Mulberry/Covington Street Connector

Whereas, traffic flow and congestion have been the cause of issues and concerns for the citizens of Jackson and Butts County for over ten years

Whereas, downtown Jackson is the crossroads of Hwy 16 & Hwy 36, two heavily traveled State Highways

Whereas, transfer trucks traveling Hwy's 16 & 36 are required to make 90 degree turns as they travel through the City of Jackson

Whereas, Hwy's 16 & 36 are currently designated by the State as alternative routes for Interstates 75 & 20 when accidents shut-down those freeways

Whereas, port expansion and private sector development in Newton County are projected to increase the transfer truck traffic flowing through Jackson

Whereas, funding for proposed Butts County DOT Projects (one-way pairs and a by-pass) which would address these issues are projected to be 7-8 years away

Whereas, the viability of business in downtown Jackson will be further eroded by increased truck traffic

Whereas, the proposed South Mulberry/Covington Street Connector would dramatically relieve Downtown of congestion, traffic flow and safety concerns from truck traffic traveling Hwy 36

Whereas, the proposed South Mulberry/Covington Street Connector would create minimal disruption to existing homes and businesses

Whereas, the proposed extended corridor landscaped would significantly improve the appearance to one of the gateway entrances to our City

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Partner's for Smart Growth recommends and encourages the Mayor and Council of the City of Jackson to petition the Georgia Department of Transportation to conduct a study and develop a design for a South Mulberry/Covington Street Connector.

Joe Westbury, Chairman
Partner's for Smart Growth Board of Directors

Date