

Montgomery MPO Resolution

Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Resolution of Regional Support for Montgomery Outer Loop Road Extension Project

WHEREAS, the **Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of amended of 23 USC 134, 135 (as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts, Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery Outer Loop Road extension is a proposed set of new roadway improvements that will facilitate mobility and ease congestion and accommodate development in the southern portion of the Montgomery MPO area; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery Outer Loop extension proposed to be is a new multi-lane divided limited access highway, an alternate route for automobile and large 18 wheeler truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, From time to time and/or periodically a bottleneck is created due to over 120,000 vehicles per day on I-85 and 80,000 vehicles per day on I-65 converging at the I-65/I-85 interchange, further, vehicle accidents contributes to the bottleneck and congestion on I-85 at the I-85/I-65 interchange, 35 Hyundai and Kia suppliers affected due to traffic congestion on I-85 and at the I-85/I-65 interchange; and

WHEREAS, Safety and roadway congestion is caused and is a concern on Taylor Road with 21,750 vehicles per day, Pike Road with 5,072 vehicles per day, Wallahatchee Road with 1,546 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, Construction of the extension of the Montgomery Outer Loop Road from SR-110/Vaughn Road to CR-85/Carters Hill Road is estimated to cost \$131,057,932 and construction of the extension of the Montgomery Outer Loop Road from CR-85/Carters Hill Road to US-231/SR-6 is estimated to cost \$80,478,638 for a grant total construction cost of both extension projects totaling \$210,536,570 in needed dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery MPO has included as visionary needed projects its year 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) adopted January 20, 2022; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that the Montgomery MPO expresses its full support of the Montgomery Outer Loop extension projects as described in this resolution.

ADOPTED THIS THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Charles Jinright, MPO Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Smith, MPO Secretary