

RESOLUTION 2017-258

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF SMITHS STATION, ALABAMA IN SUPPORT OF ATRIP-2 BOND ISSUE.

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SMITHS STATION,
ALABAMA as follows:**

WHEREAS, Governor Robert Bentley unveiled the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) in 2012 as a bold infrastructure initiative to improve Alabama's rapidly deteriorating road and bridge infrastructure, and to generate a positive economic impact and safety improvements for the entire state, and;

WHEREAS, the final deadline for all ATRIP projects is quickly approaching, and county commissioners and engineers from all corners of the state fear the momentum generated from the hundreds of road projects completed under the program will come to a rapid halt, and;

WHEREAS, the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama recently proposed a statewide three-cent bond issue at its 2017 Legislative Conference, whose revenue would be dedicated to improving Alabama's declining road and bridge infrastructure, and the aforementioned proposal received the unanimous support of all 53 counties in attendance at the conference, and;

WHEREAS, a three-cent bond issue would generate over \$1.2 billion for Alabama's 67 counties to be exclusively spent on road and bridge improvements, and would fund over 12,300 mile of road resurfacing projects and 450 new bridge structures across Alabama for a statewide impact of over \$6 billion, and;

WHEREAS, under the terms of the bond issue, the Lee County Commission would receive \$29 million for road and bridge improvements that would fund approximately 125 miles of resurfaced roads within the county, and;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a three-cent bond issue would cost the average Lee County driver less than \$2.00 per month, but would produce a county economic impact of over \$145 million in the form of new jobs, safety improvements, lower vehicle maintenance costs, and other economic development opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, the Lee County Commission provides for the safety, growth, and maintenance of the roadways and bridges within the city limits of Smiths Station, and the members of the Smiths Station City Council believe this proposal would have a monumental impact for the residents of their City and Lee County, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SMITHS STATION CITY COUNCIL, that it does hereby voice its public support for the three-cent ATRIP-2 bond issue proposed by the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama as priority legislation for the 2017 regular legislative session.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Senate and House Rules Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Smiths Station City Council has caused this Resolution to be executed in its name on this the 28th day of February, 2017.



Mayor F.L. "Bubba" Copeland



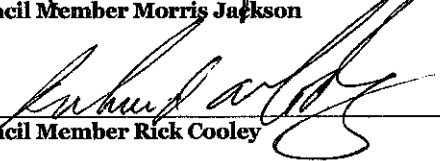
Council Member George Stringer



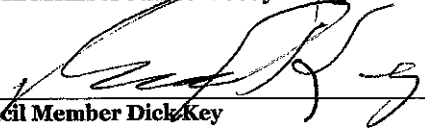
Council Member Morris Jackson



Council Member James Moody



Council Member Rick Cooley



Council Member Dick Key

ATTEST:



Scott Johnston, City Clerk

(SEAL):

