

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16****A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR  
COMPLETION OF THE NORTHERN BELTLINE**

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline is a highway project originally planned to provide the Birmingham metropolitan region with a route to complete and connect its interstate system; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline was first conceived in the 1960's and added to the Birmingham Metropolitan Area's long range transportation plan in 1981, but construction of the project has yet to begin over 40 years later; and,

WHEREAS, available federal funding for construction of the Northern Beltline has been and will continue to be primarily through the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS), as authorized by the U.S. Congress, and the associated federal transportation funding that must be used for this project or lost to other states to complete ADHS projects outside of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of the Northern Beltline will increase cross-region accessibility, will reduce travel times and the cost of travel for the public, will improve the state and local economic base, and will provide additional markets for Birmingham and Alabama-produced goods and open new areas for development of much-needed industrial and commercial sites along the route, the current shortage of which is becoming critical and having a negative impact on new job growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Beltline will enhance the environment and the health and safety of area residents by reducing congestion and improving traffic flows, by reducing the corresponding harmful vehicle tailpipe emissions, vehicle accidents, and fatalities, and by providing an alternative route for transport of cargos that endanger transportation infrastructure and lives; and

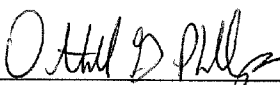
WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Gardendale and the State of Alabama to complete the Northern Beltline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, while in a regular session on the 5th day of April, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., that the City of Gardendale fully supports the expeditious completion of the Northern Beltline in order to address regional transportation needs.

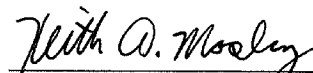
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Bob Riley, the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, all members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, all members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation, and all members of the Jefferson County Commission.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 5th day of April, 2010.

APPROVED:

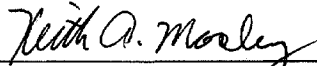
  
Othell G. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Keith A. Mosley, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Keith A. Mosley, city clerk of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution that was duly and legally adopted on the 5th day of April, 2010, by the City Council of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, while in a regular session.

  
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Keith A. Mosley, City Clerk