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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael Guest
Congressman Third Congressional District
Washington, D. C. 20515

Congressman Guest,

As Commissioner of Mississippi Department of Transportation Central District, I am pleased to support Mayor Gill and the Board's efforts to enhance the town of Marion. I see Marion as a town with great leadership who has a vision for empowerment and prosperity. I strongly support their vision.

The heart of Marion is a 4-way intersection. Recent traffic studies indicate a clear need for infrastructure investment in the area. I am committed to supporting this effort and hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

Mayor Gill has provided you with more detailed information on projects, studies, and estimates. I encourage you to give their requests favorable consideration. If I can be of further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

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Willie Simmons, Commissioner
Mississippi Department of Transportation Central District

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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Michael Guest
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request – Marion, MS
Intersection and Roadway Improvements

Dear Congressman Guest:

Thank you for your service to our state and specifically to Lauderdale County. As the Supervisor of District Two of Lauderdale County, I am very excited to hear of your interest in potentially funding the opportunity submitted by the Town of Marion - Intersection and Roadway Improvement Project.

This opportunity will address an overwhelmed traffic condition at the All-Stop intersection of Dale Drive and Lindley Road and promote expansion and continued growth along Dale Drive. As discussed in the Funding Request Submission, this project is currently estimated to cost \$3,850,000.
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Thank you for considering the Town of Marion's application for funding, and I offer our 100% support to the successful funding of this project. Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 601-880-3817.

Sincerely,

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Craig Houston
Supervisor District Two
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March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael Guest
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Dear Congressman Guest:

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Marion, thank you for your service to our state and specifically, our area within Lauderdale County. The board of Aldermen and myself as Mayor are unified on our commitment to meet the needs of our citizens and would like to request your assistance in helping us achieve solutions to our needs.

The Town of Marion has continued to grow over the last several years. With this growth comes an increasing demand on our roadway network to allow the traveling public to reach their destinations both safely and efficiently. Marion has become a hub for traffic flow in and out of the City of Meridian.


As you may know, in the heart of Marion, we have an all-way stop condition that has become overwhelmed with the traffic volume that currently tries to pass through. Often, the consistent volume of traffic backs up vehicles where the approach lanes can become hazardous conditions. In light of this, the Town of Marion would like to make improvements to our intersection as well as add turn lanes to Dale Drive both north and south of the intersection and NE Industrial Park Drive east of the intersection. In fact, there has already been improvements made to transition from a two-lane Dale Drive to a three-lane Dale Drive. During the fall of 2023, a bridge to the north of the intersection was replaced with a bridge that is wide enough to carry the three-lane traffic.

Further, to aid in our efforts to carry out this vision, we had a traffic study performed at the intersection to analyze the traffic circulation for future signalization. Based on the analysis of the existing traffic volumes, the intersection met all three (3) vehicular volume signal warrants as described by MUTCD. Additionally, the crash experience warrant was also met for the intersection.

Again, the Town of Marion is committed to improving quality of life for our residents and we also want to make our town more accessible. We respectfully request your assistance to direct us to appropriate funding sources to meet these needs and to be an advocate as we work with funding agencies. As information, we have enclosed preliminary cost estimates, a conceptual layout of our proposed improvements and the previously mentioned traffic study.

Again, thank you for the assistance you have provided and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Larry Gill
Mayor, Town of Marion
Enclosure



TOWN OF MARION INTERSECTION AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE
INTERSECTION AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
Town of Marion, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
MARCH 2024**

PAY ITEM NO.	PAY ITEM	TOTAL QUANTITIES	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	TOTAL
ROADWAY ITEMS					
1	MOBILIZATION	1	\$ 75,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 75,000.00
2	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1	\$ 35,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 35,000.00
3	REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT (ALL DEPTHS)	200.00	\$ 85.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 17,000.00
4	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION (FM)	3,000.00	\$ 22.00	CJ. YD.	\$ 66,000.00
5	BORROW EXCAVATION (F.M.E.)(CONTRACTOR FURNISHED)(CLASS 9)	7,200.00	\$ 28.00	CJ. YD.	\$ 201,600.00
6	EXCESS EXCAVATION (LVM)	500.00	\$ 18.00	CJ. YD.	\$ 9,000.00
7	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC STABILIZATION, (TYPE V)(NON-WOVEN)	6,500.00	\$ 4.50	SQ. YD.	\$ 29,250.00
8	GRANULAR MATERIAL (L.V.M.)(CLASS 9, GROUP B)	2,000.00	\$ 25.00	CJ. YD.	\$ 50,000.00
9	CRUSHED STONE, SIZE 610	3,500.00	\$ 80.00	TON	\$ 280,000.00
10	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 9.5MM	4,615.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 715,325.00
11	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 12.5MM	2,400.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 372,000.00
12	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 9.5MM, LEVELING	300.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 46,500.00
13	COLD MILLING OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT, ALL DEPTHS	1850.00	\$ 8.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 14,800.00
15	18" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS III	200.00	\$ 60.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 12,000.00
16	30" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS III	150.00	\$ 80.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 12,000.00
17	30" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, END SECTION	6.00	\$ 2,000.00	EACH	\$ 12,000.00
18	INLET REPAIR	2.00	\$ 2,500.00	EACH	\$ 5,000.00
19	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	\$ 65,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 65,000.00
20	6" WIDE THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE	14,000.00	\$ 3.50	SQ. FT.	\$ 49,000.00
21	TWO-WAY YELLOW REFLECTIVE HIGH PERFORMANCE RAISED MARKERS	1200.00	\$ 7.00	EACH	\$ 8,400.00
22	REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC SIGN (VARIOUS TYPES)	1.00	\$ 5,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 5,000.00
23	SOLID SODDING	500.00	\$ 12.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 6,000.00
24	HYDROSEEDING	10.00	\$ 5,000.00	ACRE	\$ 50,000.00
25	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE (TYPE I)(AOS 0.15-0.84)	18,000.00	\$ 4.20	LIN. FT.	\$ 75,600.00
26	WATTLES, 20"	850.00	\$ 6.50	LIN. FT.	\$ 5,525.00
27	LOOSE RIPRAP (200 LB.)	300.00	\$ 90.00	TON	\$ 27,000.00
				TOTAL	\$ 2,244,000.00
				Construction Contingency	\$ 224,500.00
				Engineering	\$ 134,000.00
				CE&I	\$ 202,000.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,804,500.00
TRAFFIC LIGHT					
28	NEW ALL WAY LIGHT AT INTERSECTION	1	\$ 815,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 815,000.00
	<i>Demolition of Existing Concrete</i>			TOTAL	\$ 815,000.00
	<i>Most Arm Traffic Light System</i>			Construction Contingency	\$ 81,500.00
	<i>Stacking Lanes - Addition of 5 Lanes at the intersection</i>			Engineering	\$ 65,000.00
	<i>Utility Re-location</i>			SUBTOTAL	\$ 961,500.00
				ROW Purchase	\$ 12,000.00
				Utility Re-Location	\$ 50,000.00
				TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 3,828,000.00

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MARCH, 25/2024

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL GUEST
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Congressman Guest,

First, I want to thank you for all of your work in Washington. Your conservative leadership is needed and appreciated.

Marion, MS is a small town just outside of Meridian. While small now, I have had the unique opportunity to watch, from a front row seat, a complete momentum change in recent years. My business is located in Marion and we are a matter of yards from an extremely busy intersection. Business investment, infrastructure investment, and an influx in new home builds all indicate that Marion is on the move.

Mayor Gill has provided your office specific project information and estimates. I would like to formally request that you consider assisting this growing town in their efforts.

Again, I appreciate all that you do.

Please contact me at billyadam24@comcast.net, Bcalvert@house.ms.gov, or 601-490-0652 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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BILLY ADAM CALVERT

Brad White
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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Michael Guest
United States Congress
450 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending
Intersection and Road Improvements, Town of Marion, Mississippi

Dear Congressman Guest:

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has reviewed the Town of Marion's FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending proposal for intersection and road improvements to include a turn lane. This letter is to confirm:

1. The project is eligible for federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code;
2. MDOT is willing to provide oversight of the project, carried out by an eligible local public agency, in accordance with federal regulations if funding is enacted; and
3. The project will be included in the STIP if funding is enacted.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Brad White
Executive Director