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April 8, 2025

The Honorable Michael Guest
450 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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 I, as Mayor, are unified in our commitment to meeting the needs of our citizens, and I 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.

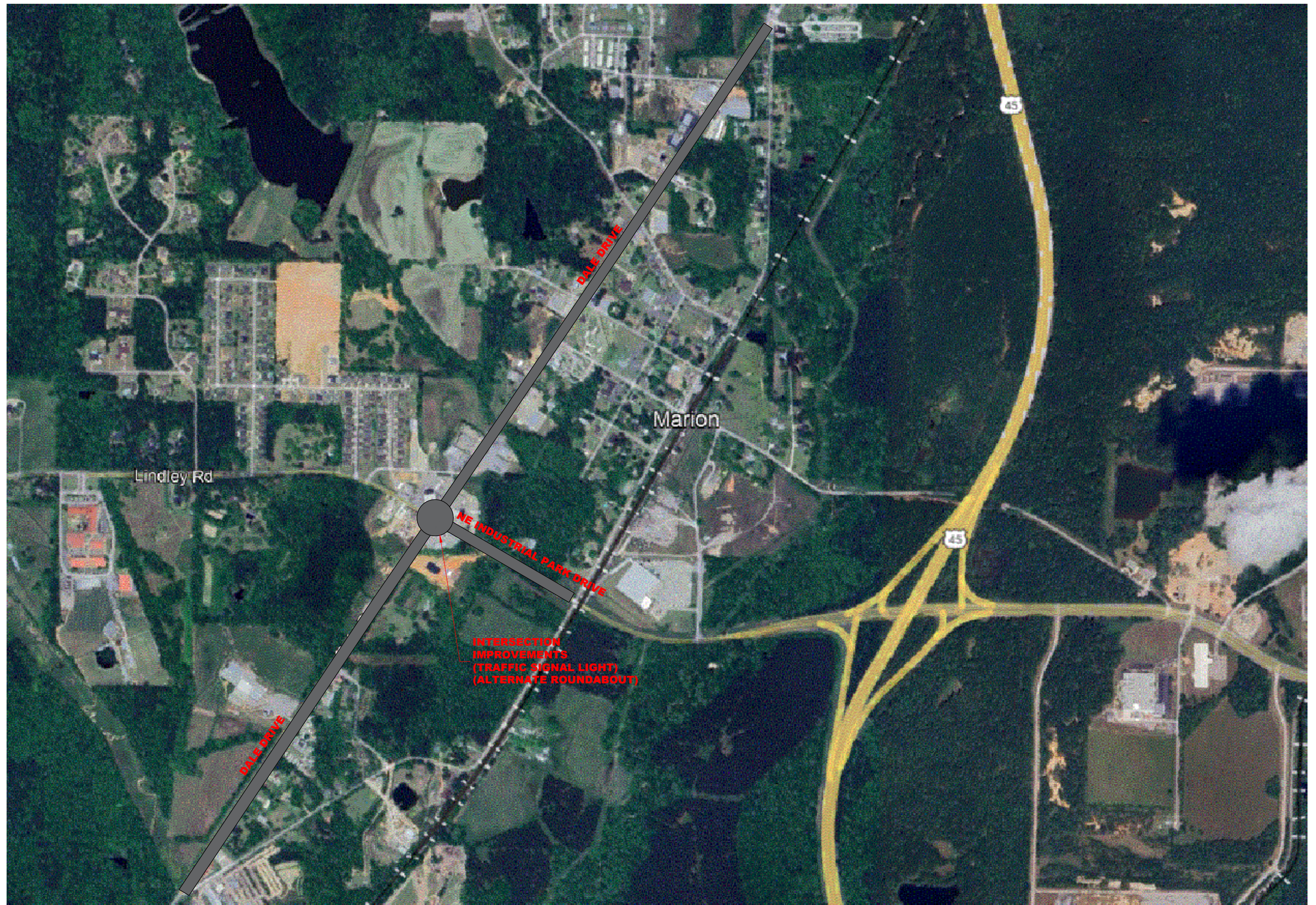
Sincerely



Larry Gill
Mayor, Town of Marion
Enclosure

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE
Dale Drive Improvements
Town of Marion, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
April 2, 2025

PAY ITEM NO.	PAY ITEM	TOTAL QUANTITIES	UNIT PRICE	UNIT	TOTAL
ROADWAY ITEMS					
S-200-A	MOBILIZATION	1.00	\$ 100,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 100,000.00
S-201-A	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1.00	\$ 20,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 20,000.00
S-202-C	REMOVAL OF CURB	45.00	\$ 25.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 1,125.00
S-202-D	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT (ALL DEPTHS)	1524.00	\$ 15.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 22,860.00
S-202-D	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE (ALL DEPTHS)	1005.00	\$ 28.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 28,140.00
S-203-A	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION (FM)	5,116.00	\$ 12.00	CU. YD.	\$ 61,392.00
S-203-E1	BORROW EXCAVATION (F.M.E.)(CONTRACTOR FURNISHED)(CLASS 9)	7,200.00	\$ 22.00	CU. YD.	\$ 158,400.00
S-203-H	EXCESS EXCAVATION (LVM)	1,399.00	\$ 18.00	CU. YD.	\$ 25,182.00
S-229-A	PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVED DITCH	12.00	\$ 1,300.00	CU. YD.	\$ 15,600.00
S-232-A	GEOTEXTILE FABRIC STABILIZATION, (TYPE V)(NON-WOVEN)	12,937.00	\$ 4.50	SQ. YD.	\$ 58,216.50
S-304-A	GRANULAR MATERIAL (L.V.M.)(CLASS 9, GROUP B)	4,659.00	\$ 25.00	CU. YD.	\$ 116,475.00
S-304-D	CRUSHED STONE, SIZE 610	6,025.00	\$ 80.00	TON	\$ 482,000.00
S-403-A	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 9.5MM	4,600.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 713,000.00
S-403-A	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 12.5MM	1,833.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 284,115.00
S-403-A	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 19MM	2016.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 312,480.00
S-403-B	HOT MIX ASPHALT, MT, 9.5MM, LEVELING	300.00	\$ 155.00	TON	\$ 46,500.00
S-406-A	COLD MILLING OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT, ALL DEPTHS	2000.00	\$ 5.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 10,000.00
503-C	SAW CUT, ALL DEPTHS	750.00	\$ 6.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 4,500.00
S-601-B	CLASS "B" STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, MINOR STRUCTURES	8.00	\$ 1,500.00	CU. YD.	\$ 12,000.00
S-601-C	BOX CULVERT EXTENSION	20.00	\$ 2,500.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 50,000.00
S-603-C-A	18" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS III	310.00	\$ 60.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 18,600.00
S-603-C-A	30" REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, CLASS III	290.00	\$ 80.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 23,200.00
901-S-604-D	INLET REPAIR	2.00	\$ 2,500.00	EACH	\$ 5,000.00
901-S-604-E	JUNCTION BOX	2.00	\$ 5,000.00	EACH	\$ 10,000.00
S-608-B	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	650.00	\$ 110.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 71,500.00
S-609-D	COMBINATION CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER, TYPE 1	57.00	\$ 50.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 2,850.00
S-618-A	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	\$ 30,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 30,000.00
S-618-B	ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SIGNS	0.00	\$ 10.00	SQ. FT.	\$ -
S-619-C	TEMPORARY 6" WIDE TRAFFIC STRIPE (CONTINUOUS WHITE)	350.00	\$ 2.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 700.00
S-619-D	TEMPORARY 6" WIDE TRAFFIC STRIPE (CONTINUOUS YELLOW)	3,687.00	\$ 1.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 3,687.00
S-619-F	TEMPORARY DETAIL TRAFFIC STRIPE (4" EQUIVALENT LENGTH)(WHITE)	1,110.00	\$ 2.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 2,220.00
S-621-C	6" WIDE THERMOPLASTIC EDGE STRIPE (CONTINUOUS WHITE)(90 MIL)	4.54	\$ 5,000.00	MILE	\$ 22,700.00
S-621-D	6" WIDE THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE (SKIP YELLOW)(120 MIL)	3.08	\$ 5,000.00	MILE	\$ 15,400.00
S-621-E-1	6" WIDE THERMOPLASTIC TRAFFIC STRIPE (CONTINUOUS YELLOW)(120 MIL)	28787.00	\$ 1.50	LIN. FT.	\$ 43,180.50
S-621-G-1	THERMOPLASTIC DETAIL STRIPE (4" EQUIVALENT LENGTH)(WHITE)(90 MIL)	6752.00	\$ 2.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 13,504.00
S-621-G-2	THERMOPLASTIC DETAIL STRIPE (4" EQUIVALENT LENGTH)(YELLOW)(90 MIL)	1262.00	\$ 2.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 2,524.00
S-621-H-1	THERMOPLASTIC LEGEND (WHITE)(120 MIL)	950.00	\$ 5.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 4,750.00
S-621-H-2	THERMOPLASTIC LEGEND (WHITE)(120 MIL)	1764.00	\$ 5.00	SQ. FT.	\$ 8,820.00
S-627-L	TWO-WAY YELLOW REFLECTIVE HIGH PERFORMANCE RAISED MARKERS	2042.00	\$ 7.00	EACH	\$ 14,294.00
S-630-A	REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC WARNING SIGN (ENCAPSULATED LENS)	14.00	\$ 250.00	EACH	\$ 3,500.00
S-630-B	REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC REGULATORY SIGN (ENCAPSULATED LENS)	18.00	\$ 250.00	EACH	\$ 4,500.00
S-630-C	REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC OBJECT MARKER (ENCAPSULATED LENS)(TYPE 3)	10.00	\$ 250.00	EACH	\$ 2,500.00
EROSION CONTROL ITEMS					TOTAL ROADWAY ITEMS \$ 2,825,415.00
S-226-A	SOLID SODDING	1,250.00	\$ 12.00	SQ. YD.	\$ 15,000.00
901-S-228-A	HYDROSEEDING	4.92	\$ 5,000.00	ACRE	\$ 24,600.00
S-233-A	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE (TYPE II)(AOS 0.15-0.84)	2,500.00	\$ 5.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 12,500.00
237-A	WATTLES, 20"	300.00	\$ 10.00	LIN. FT.	\$ 3,000.00
S-815-A	LOOSE RIPRAP (200 LB.)	300.00	\$ 90.00	TON	\$ 27,000.00
					TOTAL EROSION ITEMS \$ 82,100.00
					TOTAL \$ 2,907,515.00
					Construction Contingency \$ 290,751.00
					Construction Total \$ 3,198,266.00
					Engineering / Environmental \$ 174,450.00
					CE&I \$ 261,676.00
					ROW \$ 12,000.00
					Utility \$ 50,000.00
					SUBTOTAL \$ 3,696,392.00
TRAFFIC LIGHT					
	NEW ALL WAY LIGHT AT INTERSECTION	1.00	\$ 915,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 915,000.00
	<i>Demolition of Existing Concrete</i>			Construction Contingency	\$ 91,500.00
	<i>Mass Arm Traffic Light System</i>			Construction Total	\$ 1,006,500.00
	<i>Stacking Lanes - Addition of 5 Lanes at the intersection</i>			Engineering	\$ 73,200.00
	<i>Utility Re-location</i>			SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,079,700.00
ROUNABOUT					
		1.00	\$ 208,000.00	LUMP SUM	\$ 208,000.00
				Construction Contingency	\$ 20,800.00
				Construction Total	\$ 228,800.00
				Engineering	\$ 16,640.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 245,440.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST TRAFFIC LIGHT					\$ 4,776,092.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST ROUNABOUT					\$ 3,941,832.00



TOWN OF MARION INTERSECTION AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS



State of Mississippi
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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April 8, 2025

The Honorable Michael Guest
450 Cannon HOB
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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Willie Simmons".

Willie Simmons, Commissioner
Mississippi Department of Transportation Central District

Mississippi House of Representatives

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District 83
Lauderdale County

APRIL 7TH 2025

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL GUEST
308 B EAST
GOVERNMENT STREET
BRANDON, MS 39042

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Adam Calvert". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and "C".

BILLY ADAM CALVERT

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April 7, 2025

The Honorable Michael Guest
450 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2026 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. M

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
Lauderdale County Mississippi

Brad White
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April 9, 2025

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

Subject: FY 2026 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 2026 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad White".

Brad White
Executive Director