

**A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILPERSON JIM MADDOX**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FINANCE, AND LAW TO REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF A BOND REFERENDUM TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO PRESENT TO THE CITIZENS OF ATLANTA AT THE NOVEMBER, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION .

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta voted on November 7, 2000 to authorize the issuance of \$150,000,000 in bonds for projects designed to improve the City's transportation related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the referendum was known as the Quality of Life Bond Referendum; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 transportation projects throughout the City of Atlanta including new and upgraded sidewalks, streetscapes, and intersection improvement projects; new City trails and green space improvements; new road construction projects and street resurfacings; and new traffic calming, street markings, bicycle signage and markings, and upgraded traffic signals have been successfully completed by the City of Atlanta and Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Bond Referendum program is in Phase 3 of a three phase program and is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, there remain enormous transportation infrastructure needs in the City of Atlanta including roadway systems, bridges, sidewalks, traffic signals, and street lighting systems that are critically past their service life and are not addressing today's vehicular and pedestrian needs of the citizens of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, there remain additional phases of transportation projects that are underway which need additional funding; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue improving the quality of life of citizens, addressing these needs should remain a priority for the City of Atlanta.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the Departments of Public Works, Finance, and Law are hereby directed to review the feasibility of a bond referendum to address the transportation infrastructure needs of the City of Atlanta to present to the citizens of Atlanta at the November, 2008 General Election.

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