

RESOLUTION NO. 06-08-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA, RELATING TO
THE PROPOSED ATLANTA TO MACON COMMUTER RAIL**

WHEREAS, the City of McDonough acknowledges that traffic congestion, deteriorated air quality, and public mobility are current and growing concerns for the residents of and visitors to Henry County; and

WHEREAS, this presents an impediment to the continued quality growth and economic development of our county, region, and state; and

WHEREAS, Henry County is the fastest growing county in Georgia and one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, with roughly seventy percent of our residents commuting daily to the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, the Commuter Rail, which will feature stops at various points along the Atlanta to Macon corridor and include at least one stop in Henry County, has been identified as viable component of a proposed diversified transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has presented a plan to Governor Sonny Perdue that endorses the extension of the Commuter Rail from Atlanta to Lovejoy as part of the first leg of the Atlanta to Macon Commuter Rail system; and

WHEREAS, the City of McDonough has been informed that sufficient Federal and State funds are available to build this first leg and to operate this system for three years; and

WHEREAS, the extension of Commuter Rail from Atlanta to Lovejoy would enable the continuation of rail service to Henry County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway, located in Henry County and just outside the City of Hampton, is Georgia's most significant sporting venue and brings more than 100,000 visitors to Henry County area on race days, adding more than \$500 million dollars annually in economic impact to the region; and

WHEREAS, a commuter rail line extension into Henry County would provide significant relief to the entire traffic infrastructure for racing events, and would also provide an excellent demonstration and promotional opportunity for the proposed Commuter rail line.

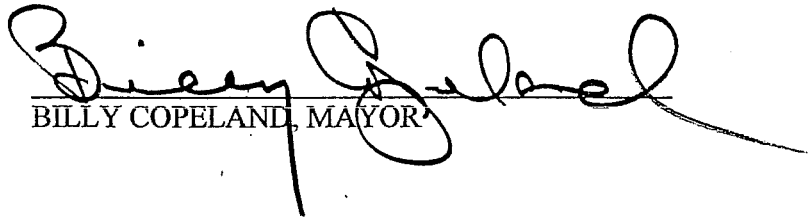
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of McDonough unanimously:

1. Commend the Georgia Department of Transportation for its work in developing the proposed commuter rail line; and
2. Endorse and support the Commuter Rail line as important to the long term economic development and quality of life for Henry County, Georgia; and furthermore
3. Request that the Transportation Department and Governor Sonny Perdue strongly consider the extension of the proposed project to Henry County.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

BE IT SO RESOLVED this 21 day of August, 2006.

CITY OF MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA


BILLY COPELAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANIS PRICE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SCOTT D. BENNETT, CITY ATTORNEY