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DATE: May 5, 2009

TO: MPC Board

FROM: Thomas L. Thomson, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution to Endorse the Study of a High Speed Rail Link between Macon and Savannah

Enclosed you will find a resolution prepared by staff for the MPC Board's endorsement of the study of a high speed rail link between Macon and Savannah. Currently the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) only has a Charlotte, Atlanta, and Macon rail line under study. Recently, the President unveiled the proposed national high speed rail network that includes the segments currently being studied by GDOT and the rail link between Macon and Savannah and continuing on to Jacksonville.

I am also asking the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Savannah, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, and the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce to pass resolutions and send letters to the Commissioner of GDOT to encourage the study of this vital high speed rail link.

Please call me at 651-1446 if you have any questions.

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