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METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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Resolution for the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission to Endorse the Study of a High Speed Rail Link between Macon and Savannah

WHEREAS, the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) endorses the Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Intermodal and the Federal Transit Authority to conduct a feasibility study for a high speed rail link between Macon and Savannah; and

WHEREAS, this link will connect Savannah to President Obama's proposed national high speed rail network via Macon and Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, this proposed rail line will cut the existing travel time between Atlanta and Savannah, relieve congestion on existing highways along the proposed rail network routes, save energy, reduce pollution, and haul freight from the Port of Savannah to distribution centers around the nation; and

WHEREAS, construction of a high speed rail link to Savannah will encourage economic development in the Savannah area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission endorses the feasibility study of a high speed rail line between Macon and Savannah and requests the Georgia Department of Transportation add Savannah to the high speed rail network study.

Approved this day, May 5, 2009

Jon Todd, Chairman
Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission