

Resolution No. 2012 - 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEARCY CITY COUNCIL TO REAFFIRM THE CITY'S DESIRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY 36-67 CONNECTOR ROUTE TO FOLLOW THE COVINGTON ROAD OR "RED" ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has presented a proposal to White County and the City of Searcy to construct certain state highway improvements benefitting the City of Searcy, Arkansas, and other communities in White County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Highway 36-67 Connector (AHTD Job Number 050198) is to construct a new connector route that would link Highway 36, 16 and 67, in and around the City of Searcy, in the central part of White County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, a stated purpose of the proposed project is to improve travel in White County, especially in the Searcy area; and

WHEREAS, presently there are three (3) alternative routes being studied by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for the said Connector Route; and

WHEREAS, the construction costs, total length in miles, right-of-way acquisition costs, wetland impacts, water crossings, projected traffic volume, and number of relocations are relatively similar for all three of the alternative routes being considered; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council has previously expressed its desire for the construction of the Highway 36-67 Connector Project to take the most northerly route around the City of Searcy with that being the Covington Road or "Red" Alternative Route to minimize interference with existing residential developments and provide for the safety of residents of the City of Searcy and others who drive upon these roads; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council has additionally expressed its desire for the construction to follow the Covington Road or "Red" Alternative Route to allow more room for growth of the city with ample room for new residential and commercial zones; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Searcy City Council, the Searcy Special School District Board of Education, the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation have likewise expressed their desire for the Highway 36-67 Connector to follow the Covington or "Red" Alternative Route as well; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEARCY CITY COUNCIL:

That the Searcy City Council reaffirms the City's desire for the construction of the Highway 36-67 Connector Route (AHTD Job Number 050198) to follow the Covington Road or "Red" Alternative Route, as presently being studied by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

This Resolution is made on this 10th day of July, 2012

/s/ David Morris
David Morris
Mayor of Searcy

Attest:

/s/ Margaret Meads
Margaret Meads
City Clerk/Treasurer