

SPONSOR: Seath / Reed

RESOLUTION NO. 05-04⁰⁶

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CHANGES TO THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. ROUTE 35 AND McCARTY LANE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has been addressing and looking into possible changes of the intersection of U.S. Route 35 and McCarty Lane, which is in or near the City of Jackson, Ohio, which said changes would allow only turns to be made from McCarty Lane into the east bound lane of U.S. Route 35; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes, which are intended to improve safety, may in fact cause more safety problems than the current design of the intersection in that if traffic is allowed to turn in only the east bound lane, travelers who are traveling west will be forced to make "U" turns in order to change direction; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed changes are put in place the lack of access back to U.S. Route 35 will be very detrimental to businesses located in this area, and the proposed changes will increase traffic congestion in this area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and the City of Jackson each have made significant commitments to this area in recent years in the creation of an industrial park in order to create new economic development opportunities, and the changes to the intersection as proposed by the State will be detrimental to the continued growth of this economic development park area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Jackson hereby opposes the present plan of the State of Ohio to change the U.S. Route 35 and McCarty Lane intersection.

Section 2. The City of Jackson hereby request that any changes to the intersection allow for complete and total ingress and egress in all directions for travelers using both U.S. Route 35 and McCarty Lane. The City of Jackson strongly opposes any plans that would limit access to U.S. Route 35 to one direction only.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby is hereby declared to be an emergency Resolution necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the City of Jackson, and for the further reason that it is necessary for the City of Jackson to voice its interests in the redesign of this intersection during the planning stages to insure the City's position is properly considered. Therefore, this Resolution shall go into effect upon passage and approval by the Mayor, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 731.30.

Section 4. In the event this Resolution receives a majority vote for passage but fails to receive the required number of votes to pass as an emergency, then this Resolution shall be deemed to have passed but with no emergency clause, and shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

*Heath & Brown
Amended
by voice vote
and*

Section 5. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

Date: 2/27/06

James H. Hupley
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Alice M. Smith
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Approved:

Date: 2/27/06

[Signature]
MAYOR