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March 20, 2023

The Honorable Jim Luke and Picayune City Council
203 Goodyear Blvd
Picayune, MS 39466

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed frontage road from Memorial Boulevard to Sycamore Road along the east boundary of I-59 known as the I-59 North Frontage Road Project. This project would not only provide jobs in the construction arena, but also provide jobs at future business locations created by the installation of this road. This area that is currently a low-income area, would benefit greatly from the influx of capital and opportunity.

The increased tax revenue to the city should also be considered when evaluating this project; more and new business centers with easier access to consumers means more tax dollars to the City of Picayune. Giving businesses a reason to locate or open in Picayune is good for everyone, including consumers, businesses, and the city.

Providing better access to the interstate and maneuverability in the area will provide relief from traffic congestion and the natural flow will allow for additional business development.

Again, I wish to emphasize my support for this project and look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kane Smith
President, Pearl River County Board of Supervisors



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Lindsay Ward
Director of Economic Development

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March 23, 2023

Mayor and City Council of Picayune
203 Goodyear Blvd.
Picayune, MS 39466

Re: Letter of Support for Picayune's I-59 N Frontage Rd project

Dear Mayor and Council:

We write to express support for Picayune's I-59 N Frontage rd that will connect Memorial Blvd and East Canal St. to: 1) stimulate economic development; 2) relieve traffic congestion; and 3) revitalize a possible high poverty area.

This I-59N frontage road and especially the section from Memorial Blvd to East Canal St. is critical to incentivize private commercial development for Picayune's growth and development. Formerly, East Canal St. was a major roadway for ingress and egress into Picayune's commercial downtown corridor. With the development of Highway 43S/Memorial Blvd. Over the past three decades, there has been a significant exodus of commercial business from East Canal. This has contributed to lower property values and blight in areas of East Canal. The proposed frontage road is on the west edge of (Census Tract 9505.01) which is a Possible High Poverty area and abuts two High Poverty Census Tracts (9507 & 9506) with 35.8% and 28.1% of the population below the poverty level respectively. The frontage road will greatly improve access to I 59 to develop the East Canal area and improve opportunities for persons in these High Poverty Areas.

The Chamber of Commerce is highly focused on Economic Development and revitalization of our city, and would like to show our support for this project. If you have any more questions about this letter of support, please do not hesitate to reach out to Laci Lee, Executive Director at 601-798-3122.

Sincerely,





March 17, 2023

**The Honorable Jim Luke and Picayune City Council
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Picayune MS 39466**

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Sincerely,
Eric

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric J. Bradley".

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