

RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING BOROUGH COUNCIL AND STAFF TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR AND PURSUE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO PREPARE THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN GATEWAYS OF THE BOROUGH FOR INCREASED VISITATION RELATED TO THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is preparing for the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. In 2013, the number of visitors expected to descend on Gettysburg will far exceed typical visitor traffic; and

WHEREAS, while the square and downtown Gettysburg have seen significant improvements, it is necessary for the Borough of Gettysburg to address its southern and western "gateways"; and

WHEREAS, streetscape, safety, and parking improvements are necessary at the southern gateway of the Borough, including Steinwehr Avenue, the 500 through 700 blocks of Baltimore Street, and the first two northern blocks of Taneytown Road. Federal transportation funding would provide for improvements to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment, improve safety, and facilitate revitalization in the area; and

WHEREAS, transportation improvements are also necessary at the western gateway of the Borough, specifically Seminary Ridge. Recognized for its important role in the Battle of Gettysburg, Seminary Ridge is now being programmed for development of a heritage trail, increased visitation to the Ridge and Schmucker Hall, a Gettysburg transit stop, and as a western terminus for the historic pathway of Gettysburg; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is collaborating with the Adams County Historical Society to further local, state, and federal funding opportunities to complete these transportation improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, through its staff, will seek federal transportation funding to execute and complete transportation improvements at the southern and western gateways of the Borough of Gettysburg in preparation for increased visitor traffic from the sesquicentennial celebration and to enhance local economic development.

Adopted February 9, 2009

Borough Council
Borough of Gettysburg

Attest:

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Borough Secretary

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Borough Council President