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Resolution No. <u>0308/0-8</u>

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 COMMEMORATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is preparing for the commemoration of the 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, it is necessary for the Borough of Gettysburg to address its southern and western gateways in preparation for the 150th anniversary. The "southern gateway" includes the Steinwehr Avenue corridor and the "western gateway" includes Seminary Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is seeking federal funding through the FY2011 Transportation Appropriations Bill, specifically the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Program and Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program for the southern and western gateway transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the southern gateway project is titled, "Gettysburg Gateway Transportation Improvements Phase II"; the transportation improvements are required to provide safe movement of pedestrians through Steinwehr Avenue and include a combination of street resurfacing, crosswalk enhancements, ADA curb ramps, sidewalk repair, traffic calming, traffic signalization, and context sensitive pedestrian lighting; and the FY2011 appropriations request for such improvements is \$3,600,000; and

WHEREAS, the western gateway project is titled, "Gettysburg Western Gateway Transportation Improvements"; Seminary Ridge is being programmed for enhanced heritage education use, increased visitation, and as the western terminus for the "historic pathway" of Gettysburg, and the transportation improvements include implementation of safety features, heritage trail extension, additional wayside exhibits, landscaping, benches, pavers, kiosks, crosswalks, stormwater management, and trailhead accommodations; and the FY2011 appropriations request for such improvements is \$960,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Gettysburg is collaborating with the Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield Business Improvement District and the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation 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 in preparation for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary and to enhance local economic development.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2010

GETTYSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

elln Butterfield, President

William E. Troxell Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary