

Resolution Concerning Big Hill

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WHEREAS, that section of US Highway 421 known as "Big Hill" and located in Madison county is in deplorable and unsafe condition; with the roadbed sliding off the mountain and the guardrail sliding with it, with large boulders from the vertical cliffs above the roadway falling periodically upon the roadway, and without adequate drainage ditches to handle rainwater; and

WHEREAS, this road is the major---and for some, the only---access to jobs and the commercial centers north and west of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, over 60 percent of the Jackson County non-farm employees work outside the county, a majority of whom must travel this section of road daily in all kinds of weather to jobs in Madison, Fayette, and other Counties; and

WHEREAS, these workers contribute to the economic well-being of these neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Jackson County travel this road frequently to shop and visit doctors in Berea, Richmond, Lexington and other commercial centers in Kentucky; also thereby contributing to the economic well-being of these neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, these citizens and workers are dependent upon this roadway for access to these commercial centers for hospital care, and ambulances must travel this road daily; and

WHEREAS, a major portion of commerce within Jackson County is dependent upon this road for the transport of goods into and out of the county; and

WHEREAS, the future development of the area, both culturally and economically, is dependent upon safe and adequate transportation along this road;

HEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Fiscal Court does request, beseech and implore the Governor and General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to take all necessary measures, immediately and without delay, to reconstruct, rehabilitate, and otherwise correct the underlying problems on that stretch of US Highway 421 known as "Big Hill".



George Robbins, County Judge Executive



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