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April 23, 2021

Congressman Steven Palazzo
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo,

As the Hattiesburg City Council member that represents Ward 1, which includes the University of Southern Mississippi, I am writing to express my support for the City of Hattiesburg's 4th Street Sidewalk Project that has been submitted for Congressional funding.

This project, which is important to my constituents, would add an eight (8') foot multi-use pathway along West 4th Street from the area near Coliseum Drive to North 38th Avenue. The addition of this multi-use pathway would allow the existing sidewalk infrastructure on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi to connect to the many residences, apartments, and businesses along West 4th Street. Currently, this stretch of West 4th Street has no sidewalk infrastructure in place and a dirt trail can be seen along the side of the road where pedestrians are currently walking in the exact location where this proposed multi-use pathway would be constructed.

The proposed multi-use pathway would also connect to the recently completed \$1.8 million dollar redevelopment of North 38th Avenue between Hardy Street and West 4th Street, which added an eight (8') foot multi-use pathway connecting to the Longleaf Trace, landscaped medians, upgraded lighting, and a new traffic light at Montague Boulevard.

Additionally, I believe that the funding and addition of this multi-use pathway would provide students and residents with a safe way to travel this heavily trafficked corridor. It would also advance the goals outlined in the City of Hattiesburg and The University of Southern Mississippi's long-term pedestrian and bicycle master plans.

I am proud to advocate on behalf of the citizens I represent that desire to see continued investment in pedestrian and bicycle accessibility throughout the City of Hattiesburg. Thank you for your consideration of our request. If I can be any further assistance, please let me know.

All the best,

Jeffrey George
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State of Mississippi
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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April 21, 2021

Congressman Steven Palazzo
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman,

I write to express support of the City of Hattiesburg's 4th Street Sidewalk Project for Congressional consideration. This project is a Local Transportation Priority and a part of the City of Hattiesburg's MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.

The City of Hattiesburg seeks funding for the installation of an eight (8') foot multi-use pathway along 4th Street from near Coliseum Drive west to 38th Avenue. As a part of the City of Hattiesburg's MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, this project would complete the sidewalk network along that portion of 4th Street. This would also connect into the system of sidewalks at The University of Southern Mississippi thereby providing a much safer connection to student housing and community amenities.

We believe the City's approach to the continued investment in safe alternative avenues of transportation for both pedestrians and cyclists will produce a more efficient and safe system of sidewalks for the entire City of Hattiesburg.

I applaud the City of Hattiesburg for its commitment to improve its existing sidewalk infrastructure and thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom King". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom King, chairman
Southern District Transportation Commissioner

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

April 21, 2021

The Honorable Steven Palazzo
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

As the State Representative for House District 102, I am writing this letter to offer my support of the the City of Hattiesburg's 4th Street Sidewalk Project and to urge Congressional consideration for funding. This project is part of our city's MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and is a local transportation priority.

The project would provide for an eight foot multi-use pathway along 4th Street from Coliseum Drive west to 38th Avenue. It is the critical final piece of a larger project which connects the sidewalks at the University of Southern Mississippi to 4th Street in this high traffic corridor of our city.

Our city continues to invest in safe pathways for pedestrian and bicycle traffic which is especially important to our university city where many students and faculty use this mode of transportation to get to and from campus. We are committed to providing a safe and efficient system of sidewalks throughout the City of Hattiesburg.

Thank you for your careful review of this request. If I can provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

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Missy McGee
State Representative - District 102



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April 22, 2021

Congressman Steven Palazzo
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Rodney D. Bennett
President