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Honorable Jack Summers, Chairman
Public Works Committee Number 1
Board of Aldermen
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Alderman Summers:

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads has requested that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concur in the State Highway Department of Georgia recommended location of Interstate Route 485 (I-485), Line "B".

You are well aware of all the arguments in support of and in opposition to the location of this road along the route recommended as well as other routes which were thoroughly investigated and considered.

I am confident the Highway Department concerned itself not only with the engineering requisites, but with all the other factors to minimize residential dislocation and community disorganization.

The City of Atlanta cannot afford further delay in seeing this project started. Besides the critical need of I-485 for the relief of north-side Atlanta traffic congestion, the approval of several other major highway projects for the benefit of Atlanta motorists is contingent upon the construction of I-485.

The construction of that portion of F-056 from the northern limits of I-485 near Marian Road to the junction of the Appalachian Developmental Highway at the Circumferential Route (I-285) is directly dependent upon the approval of I-485. If approval is not

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gained on the above numbered project, this section would probably lose Federal Participation and revert to the local governmental bodies to complete. There would be some question as to whether F-056 south of I-485 would ever be constructed, particularly the section within the Circumferential Route (I-285), if I-485 is not approved.

The improvement of the Northeast Freeway (I-85) which consists of widening to six lanes from the interchange with I-485 near Cheshire Bridge Road to the Circumferential Route (I-285) would be long delayed if not stopped entirely if I-485 is not approved.

The possibility of F-120, the easterly extension of Lakewood Avenue, becoming a traveling reality is dependent upon the approval of I-485.

I, therefore, recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution concurring in Line "B" of I-485 and that we urge the State Highway Department to give top priority to its completion.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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