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Commissioner Gena L. Evans, Ph.D.
Georgia Department of Transportation
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Subject: Georgia Coastal Georgia Greenway

Dear Dr. Evans:

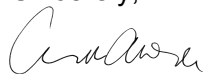
This past Saturday, the Coastal Georgia Greenway, (Inc.) board of directors met and voted to submit the entire 155-mile Coastal Georgia Greenway, plus the 6-mile Jekyll Island Causeway Trail for \$100 million funding as part of the proposed Economic Stimulus Package, soon to be considered by Congress. I have attached a fact sheet, and project map that further describes the project. I hereby submit this project for your consideration. This project can be shovel-ready within the 4 months of proposal acceptance. We propose implementation under a design/build contract. *Please contact me at (912) 547-6779 or Jo Hickson at (912) 398-8109, if you would like to discuss this project.*

For the past two years Jo Hickson and I have met in all the coastal towns and cities and with over 400 residents and two partner organizations: the East Coast Greenway Alliance and the MillionMile Greenway, and identified a vision for development of a system of trails on which tourists, parents and their children can exercise, visit the many natural, cultural and historic sites that make our coast unique. The 161-mile proposed trail will link South Carolina to Florida through Georgia six coastal counties and ten coastal cities. This project has immediate national and state appeal as it is along the Gullah-Geechee National Heritage Corridor; the Altamaha Scenic/Historic Byway; and the GDOT bicycle routes: March to the Sea/Trans Georgia; Savannah River Run; and the Coastal Route. One in five coastal residents live within one mile of the route.

You should be receiving letters of support from our elected officials and I add my voice to theirs in stating that it is my hope that Georgia will recognize that the time is now for embracing this initiative to build the 161-mile Coastal Georgia Greenway. This is a revision of the project previously described in correspondence dated January 8, from Jo Hickson.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,


Drew Wade, M.D.
President

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