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Statement from Macon County Farm Bureau
Regarding the proposed East Beltway

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The following is a statement from Macon County Farm Bureau President Mike Stacey regarding the proposed East Beltway project in Macon County:

“The Macon County Farm Bureau Board of Directors has been following the recent discussions and determinations made by the Decatur City Council and the Macon County Board on the proposed East Beltway project. Our board of directors has voted to oppose Phase 1 of the project due to the unknown potential impact the project and its current planned route may have on the Farm Progress Show grounds and the surrounding farmland.

“This project also goes against the policy of the Illinois Farm Bureau that relates to the preservation of farmland. “The Macon County Farm Bureau has major concerns about proposed East Beltway project in its entirety. With the current financial climate and the number of county and state roads that are in serious need of repair, we feel funds should to be spent on maintaining our current infrastructure.

“We understand the desire to alleviate some of the traffic congestion, but believe maintaining and utilizing prime farmland, as well as fiscal responsibility, are of the utmost importance. We look forward to working with the Decatur City Council and Macon County Board to voice our concerns.”