



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13.

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 19, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director, Wilmington MPO

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Adopting Cape Fear Skyway Gap Funding and Corridor Preservation Resolutions

**BACKGROUND:** The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is requesting local government members consider adopting two resolutions regarding the Cape Fear Skyway project. The first resolution provides for supporting preservation of the corridor via adoption of Transportation Corridor Official Map as provided by state statute. The second resolution provides for a request to the General Assembly to provide "gap" funding to construct the Skyway. Copies of the resolutions are attached.

Commissioner Williams is the Board's liaison to the Wilmington MPO.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider a resolution to adopt the resolutions entitled "Resolution Supporting the Preservation of a Future Corridor for the Cape Fear Skyway" and "Resolution Supporting the "Gap" Funding for the Cape Fear Skyway".

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

  
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**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby adopts the following resolutions entitled "Resolution Supporting the Preservation of a Future Corridor for the Cape Fear Skyway" and "Resolution Supporting the "Gap" Funding for the Cape Fear Skyway". The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate \_\_\_ Blanchard \_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Williams's \_\_\_

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman                      4/19/10  
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF A FUTURE CORRIDOR FOR  
THE CAPE FEAR SKYWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Cape Fear Skyway is a proposed 9.5-mile facility crossing the Cape Fear River that will provide a future connection from in the vicinity of US 17/I-140 in Brunswick County to US 421 in New Hanover County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Cape Fear Skyway is a regional transportation project that will provide increased benefits to the community that include: additional access to the Port for commercial deployments, direct access to the west side of the Cape Fear River; reduction of future traffic demand on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, allow for uninterrupted travel across the Cape Fear River, allow for emergency response vehicles to travel across the Cape Fear River without the possibility of delay, decrease evacuation times during natural disasters, improve access to the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point and provide for improved access to the Port facilities for military deployments; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Cape Fear Skyway is included in the North Carolina Board of Transportation's Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative and is part of the NC Intrastate System; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Cape Fear Skyway is important to the quality of life, economic vitality and sustainability of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority is working to prepare the environmental documents and study alternatives and have developed a possible northern alignment that would terminate at I-140 in Brunswick County; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the possibility of encroaching developments within the potential corridors, the need has become apparent to utilize NC General Statute 136-44.50 to file a Transportation Corridor Official Map Act in order to preserve a corridor; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Pender County Board of Commissioners supports the proposed Cape Fear Skyway's northern alignment and supports preserving the northern alignment from encroaching development.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Pender County Board of Commissioners on April 19, 2010.

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

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Rick Benton, County Manager