

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13.

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 4, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Commission David Williams

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Requesting Legislative Support for Funding for US 17 Corridor Safety Improvements

**BACKGROUND:** In response to increasing traffic congestion, reduced mobility, increased accidents and injury, and recent fatalities the NC Department of Transportation (Department) has been working with community representatives to address and develop safety improvements along the corridor in the Hampstead community. The Department has initiated studies to recommend and support safety improvements, and estimate the cost of improvements will be \$800,000 per mile. The Department also states that no funding is identified or set aside to fund corridor safety improvements.

Representatives of the Hampstead community have requested the Board of Commissioners consider a resolution requesting the County's legislative delegation work with leaders of the General Assembly and Department to identify and expedite funding for safety improvements to the corridor. A resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider adoption of a resolution requesting legislative support for indentifying and expediting corridor safety improvement funding.

**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 attached resolution entitled **RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR US 17 CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**. 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 \_\_\_

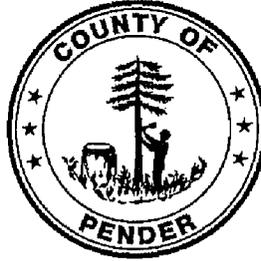
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ATTEST                                      Date

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### RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR US 17 CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 17 is a major north-south transportation artery throughout Pender County and the region, serving citizens, visitors, industry and commercial users alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the public safety and safety of the motoring vehicular traffic along the corridor, particularly in the Hampstead community, is being jeopardized daily as traffic volume, speed, congestion, and poor access management is contributing to numerous accidents, injuries and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (Department) is taking steps to initiate studies to identify and recommend safety improvements to the Hampstead section of the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, officials of the Department have stated it would require an estimated \$800,000 per mile to fund necessary safety improvements to the Hampstead section of the corridor, but that no funds are identified at this time for safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, accelerating funding and thus implementation of safety improvements to the Hampstead section of the corridor will reduce accidents, save lives, reduce congestion, and improve safe vehicular mobility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pender County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Pender County legislative delegation (Senator R.C. Soles, Jr., Representative Carolyn Justice, and Representative Sandra Spaulding Hughes) work with leaders of the General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to identify and expedite funding for safety improvements for the US 17 corridor in the Hampstead community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation as well as state and federal elected officials representing Pender County.

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 2010.

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Benton, County Manager