



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 21c.

DATE OF MEETING: January 4, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Mike Kozlosky, Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO)

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Encouraging the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Explore Funding Options to Accelerate Construction of the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633B)

BACKGROUND: At the December 15th TAC meeting, the TAC adopted a resolution encouraging the North Carolina Department of Transportation to explore funding options to accelerate construction of the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633B) from US 17 in Brunswick County to US 421 in New Hanover County. It was recommended that each of the municipalities and counties in the Wilmington MPO also consider adopting this resolution.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution encouraging the North Carolina Department of Transportation to explore funding options to accelerate construction of the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633B).

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

MB

Initial

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633) has been identified as the #1 priority in the Wilmington MPO for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633) has been identified as a "strategic highway corridor" on the North Carolina Board of Transportation's vision plan for southeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633) will alleviate existing and projected congestion in the region by separating through-traffic from local traffic and provides an additional crossing over the Cape Fear River; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Bypass has been constructed from US 17 in New Hanover County to US 421 in New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently constructing the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633A) from US 17 to US 74/76 as a design build project with an expected completion date of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Bypass is identified as one of the 10 Urban Loops in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation recently prioritized the 10 Urban Loops in the state of North Carolina and identified funding for the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633B) in fiscal years 2013-2020.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pender County Board of Commissioners that the Board hereby encourages the North Carolina Department of Transportation to explore funding options to accelerate construction of the Wilmington Bypass (R-2633B). The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 01/04/11
Date

ATTEST 01/04/11
Date