



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

ITEM NO. 15

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 2, 2012

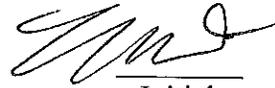
**REQUESTED BY:** F.D. Rivenbark, Commissioner

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Opposing the Tolling of Interstate 95 in North Carolina

**BACKGROUND:** The attached resolution was put on the Agenda at the request of Mr. Rivenbark. The resolution is based on one passed by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

**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 attached resolution opposing the tolling of Interstate 95 in North Carolina is hereby approved. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

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

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

YEA VOTES: Brown \_\_\_ Tate \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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George R. Brown, Chairman      Date

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ATTEST      Date



## RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TOLLING OF INTERSTATE 95 IN NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2012 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study identifying tolling as the most feasible means for funding future improvements of Interstate 95 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the release of the I-95 Study, NCDOT submitted an application to the Federal Highway Administration requesting approval to implement tolling on the Interstate 95 Corridor under the Interstate System Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 95 is the primary transportation artery in North Carolina and a major catalyst for tourism and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study reveals that 30% of the travelers on the Interstate 95 Corridor will divert to other roads to avoid tolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the 30% diversion rate represents the loss of 12,000 cars a day, which will have a significant negative impact for communities and businesses that depend on Interstate 95 travelers for their livelihood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pender County Board of Commissioners believes that the I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study does not provide sufficient information on alternative funding sources for future improvements to Interstate 95; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further believes that the \$6.4 million I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study completed by NCDOT does not provide sufficient information on the economic impact of tolling to the citizens, businesses, and communities along the Interstate 95 Corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that the Board hereby opposes the tolling of Interstate 95; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pender County Board of Commissioners requests NCDOT to fully investigate alternative sources of revenue to finance future improvements of Interstate 95; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Pender County Board of Commissioners requests NCDOT to undertake a comprehensive study of the economic impacts of tolling for the citizens, businesses, and communities along the Interstate 95 Corridor; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the State and Federal representatives and the Federal Highway Administration.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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George R. Brown, Jr., Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Mickey Duvall, Clerk to the Board