



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13

**DATE OF MEETING:** Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**REQUESTED BY:** Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning and Community Development

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Opposing Draft Bill Titled "AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT"

**BACKGROUND:** A draft bill has been developed by local Senate delegation that would potentially harm the transportation corridor that was appropriately put on record for the Hampstead Bypass (R-3300). The draft bill would give the authority to the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization to remove the adopted R-3300 corridor.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider a resolution opposing the draft bill titled "AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT".



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING DRAFT CHANGES TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
OFFICIAL MAP ACT**

**WHEREAS**, Pender County is a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Pender County relies on the State of North Carolina to provide transportation infrastructure to increase the mobility of the citizens of Pender County and the State; and

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 17 is a major arterial that runs north and south through Coastal Pender County and services local traffic, interstate commerce, military installations, and serves as the primary evacuation route; and

**WHEREAS**, the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies a bypass to divert traffic along this thoroughfare within Pender County to link with Interstate I-140 to provide further transportation efficiencies around the Wilmington Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the identified project number for the Hampstead Bypass is R-3300; and

**WHEREAS**, exercising their statutory authority, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) filed a transportation corridor official map for the R-3300 project in the Pender County Register of Deeds (MB 1; PG 70) on November 22, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, current legislation does not provide authority to the WMPO to amend the transportation corridor official map; and

**WHEREAS**, the WMPO is seeking legislative authority to amend the transportation corridor official map including the deletion of said map; and

**WHEREAS**, the deletion of said map could cause development encroachment into the corridor, rendering a potential additional cost for mitigation to construct the roadway improvement;

**WHEREAS**, delays in project development may require new environmental document review and additional costs to construct R-3300 and jeopardizing the State's Record of Decision on current alignment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pender County Board of Commissioners, opposes the draft changes to the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

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J. David Williams, Chairman

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Randell Woodruff, Clerk to the Board