

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATE US 74 FROM WHITEVILLE TO I-140 AND I-140 FROM US 74 TO US 17 AS "FUTURE I-74"

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO), as authorized under NCGS §136-211; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 designates I-74 as a High Priority Corridor whose route in southeastern North Carolina shall generally follow:

- (ff) United States Route 74 to United States Route 76 near Whiteville;
 - (gg) United States Route 74/76 to the South Carolina State line in Brunswick County;
- and

WHEREAS, an interstate highway would have substantial positive benefits to include positive economic and tourism benefits, improve the quality of life, facilitate emergency evacuations, and provide better access to the Port of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, 2013, and 2017 the Cape Fear RPO encouraged the North Carolina Department of Transportation to move forward in an expeditious manner with planning and construction of I-74 to connect with I-140 (Wilmington Bypass)[see attached].

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization hereby requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to designate US 74 from Whiteville to Interstate 140 and Interstate 140 from US 74 to US 17 as "Future I-74".

This resolution adopted this 17th day of November 2017.

BY:

ATTEST:



Frank Williams, Chairperson



Allen Serkin, Secretary