



## Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Executive Committee

### Resolution to Support the Designation of US 74 between I-26 and I-85 to a Future Interstate Quality Corridor

**Whereas**, the need to improve US 74 to an Interstate status from Asheville to Wilmington to improve freight movement and in-state access through southern North Carolina has been identified in previous studies; and

**Whereas**, an Interstate quality US-74 Corridor will provide better connectivity, business planning, transportation safety, and resource efficiency from I-26 to I-85; and

**Whereas**, every county that borders Rutherford County (Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, McDowell, Burke, Cleveland, Cherokee SC and Spartanburg SC) has a federally designated Interstate corridor that traverses their counties; and

**Whereas**, local governments and businesses within the corridor collaboratively seek to build a responsive, regional economic development infrastructure to increase trade and industry and to promote opportunity recognizing that these efforts are hampered in Rutherford County due to the lack of a federal interstate designation along this corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's federal legislative delegation has the authority to submit legislation granting a Future US-74 Interstate status from I-26 to I-85; and

**WHEREAS**, because a section of Highway 74 east of Charlotte has a federal interstate designation, the section between I-26 and I-85 would require a different Interstate name.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors requests that our North Carolina federal legislative delegation submit and support federal legislation to secure a Future Interstate designation for the section of US-74 from I-26 to I-85; and,

**Be it Also Further Resolved** that the Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the NC Transportation Secretary and the Rutherford County State and Federal legislative delegations requesting their support; and

**Be it Also Further Resolved** that the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors requests the support of municipalities and businesses within the corridor between I-26 and I-85 in Polk, Rutherford, and Cleveland Counties.

Adopted this the 13<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2020.

  
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Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk, Board of Directors

