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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

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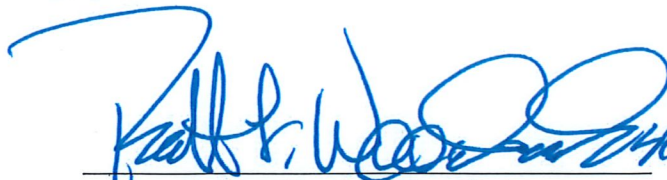
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WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Dare County Board of Commissioners requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 4th day of February, 2020.




Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman

Attest:


Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

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WHEREAS, the N.C. Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

Adopted this 9th day of March 2020.

SEAL



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James Michael O'Dell, Deputy Town Clerk

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Ben Sproull, Mayor



**A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING A REQUEST THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCT AN EMERGENCY FERRY DOCK
IN DARE COUNTY AND TYRRELL COUNTY AT THE ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE
AT U.S. HIGHWAY 64**

WHEREAS, the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on April 7, 2015 requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) construct an emergency ferry dock in Dare County and Tyrrell County at the Alligator River Bridge at U.S. Highway 64; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a replacement for the current Alligator River Bridge on Highway 64 in Tyrrell County and Dare County will not occur in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Alligator River Bridge was completed in 1961 and is a main route of evacuation for the Outer Banks in the event of an emergency such as a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the Alligator River Bridge is a critical transportation corridor and provides much needed access to jobs, health care, and retail and wholesale goods and services; and

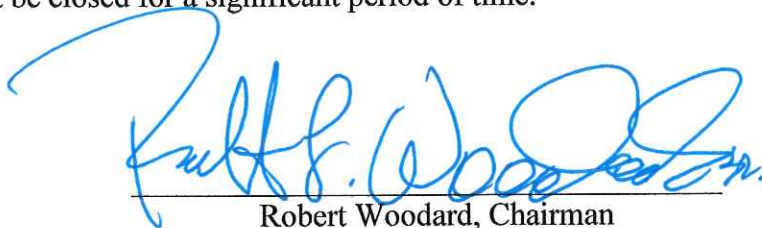
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WHEREAS, it is prudent to take the necessary steps to avoid such disruption to this vital transportation corridor.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners supports the request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation be strongly encouraged to take all steps to begin the design and construction of an emergency ferry dock in Tyrrell County and Dare County at the Alligator River Bridge to provide relief from lack of access and congestion in the event that the aging Alligator River Bridge must be closed for a significant period of time.

This the 20th day of April, 2015





Robert Woodard, Chairman

Attest: 

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board



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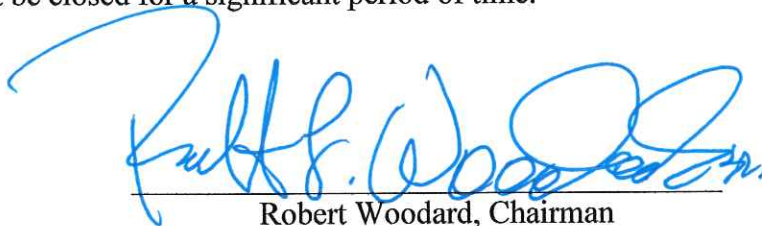
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This the 20th day of April, 2015





Robert Woodard, Chairman

Attest: 

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, IN SUPPORT OF ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution No. 20-01

WHEREAS, the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge which crosses the Alligator River was constructed in 1960 and serves as the main transportation link along Highway 64 from areas west of Dare County; and

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WHEREAS, the Alligator River is part of the Intercoastal Waterway and is used by numerous commercial shipping vessels and recreational boats on an annual basis, often creating delays and backups; and

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WHEREAS, the need for a new bridge and/or a replacement bridge across the Alligator River has been identified by the NC Department of Transportation but has not been funded as part of the State's Transportation Improvement Plan despite the age, obscurity and continued operational issues of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the methodology for STIP funding does not allow a new or replacement Alligator River Bridge to compete effectively against other transportation improvements in more urban areas of the State, thus contributing to the continued delay in construction of a new or replacement bridge; and

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032.

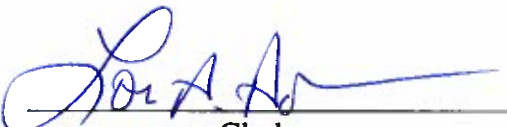
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 5th day of February, 2020, that the Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina does hereby request a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River to be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

Adopted this 5th day of February, 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk





TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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November 16, 2021

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J. Eric Boyette, Transportation Secretary
N.C. Department of Transportation
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

REF: Resolution in Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River

Dear Secretary Boyette,

At its November 8, 2021, meeting, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution:

A Resolution in Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River

The Warren Bridge serves as a vital transportation link for Kill Devil Hills and the entire Outer Banks community. We urge its inclusion into the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan, along with a funding source for its construction. Our special thanks to you and the incredible NCDOT staff for your service to the citizens of Kill Devil Hills and our state.

Sincerely,

Ben Sproul,
Mayor

Encl.

c: Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor
Honorable Bob Steinburg, N.C. Senate
Honorable Bobby Hanig, N.C. House of Representatives
Allen Moran, Board of Transportation
Sterling Baker, Division 1 Engineer
Dare County Board of Commissioners
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Southern Shores Town Council
Kitty Hawk Town Council
Nags Head Board of Commissioners
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TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is an essential hurricane evacuation route for the residents of Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties, and thousands of Outer Banks visitors, and the continuous functionality of the bridge is imperative to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The need for a new bridge across the Alligator River has been identified by the N.C. Department of Transportation but has not been funded as part of the State's Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), despite the age, obscurity and continued operational issues of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, The STIP methodology for funding does not allow a new bridge project to compete effectively against other transportation improvements in more urban areas of the State, thus contributing to the continued delay in construction of a new bridge to span the Alligator River; and

WHEREAS, The N.C. Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners urgently requests a new bridge to replace the existing span for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 STIP in recognition of the vital role this span plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Kill Devil Hills, Dare County, and Eastern North Carolina;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Kill Devil Hills requests other funding sources for a new bridge be identified and appropriated by the State of North Carolina as soon as possible if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 8th day of November, 2021.

SEAL



Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

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ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION # 2020-03-01

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WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Southern Shores Council requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 4th day of March 2020.




Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

Attest: 
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk



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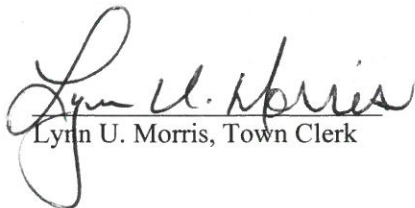
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WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kitty Hawk Town Council requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvements Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

Adopted this 2nd day of March 2020.


Lynn U. Morris, Town Clerk


Gary L. Perry, Mayor



Resolution in Support of Alligator River Bridge Improvements

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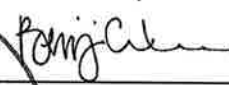
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Nags Head Board of Commissioners requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 18th day of February 2020.

ATTEST:


Michelle H Gray, Dep. Town Clerk




Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head



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Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tem

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**THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF
A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS THE ALLIGATOR RIVER**

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator River which is more than 50-years old is an outdated, narrow and unsafe two-lane structure that does not meet current federal or state bridge construction standards; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator River is experiencing significant increases in seasonal and annual traffic volume, including increasing numbers of heavy tractor-trailer trucks; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator Bridge is part of the primary highway providing access to hundreds of Tyrell County residents that commute daily to and from the Outer Banks for employment; AND

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Alligator Bridge is an evacuation route for residents and visitors of the Outer Banks to use in the case of mandatory evacuations due to hurricanes; AND

WHEREAS, replacement of the aging bridge structure is currently part of the indefinitely delayed plan for completion of the four-lane US-64 from Columbia east to Manns Harbor; AND

WHEREAS, it is understood that a replacement bridge across the Alligator River can be constructed independently of highway completion to the east and west of the bridge, using federal highway funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nags Head Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), without delay, separate replacement of the Alligator River Bridge from the two highway section projects and design, schedule, fund and construct a new bridge across the Alligator River; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the NCDOT Division 1 Board member, State Legislators serving Dare and Tyrrell Counties, Albemarle RPO, NCDOT Division 1 Engineer, Town of Manteo, Town of Columbia, and Dare and Tyrrell Counties.

THIS THE 7th DAY OF **JANUARY 2015**.

Robert C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

Letter of Support Template

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I would like to express [my or the City of XXX's] strong support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) application for the US64 over Alligator River Bridge Replacement Project, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) HB-0001 connecting Tyrrell and Dare Counties.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1960 as a 2.83 mile long, movable swing span bridge (a bridge span moves to allow boats to pass) over the Intracoastal Waterway. Replacement is critical due its age and structural deficiency - scoring just a 31.71 out of 100 in the 2020 sufficiency rating during the inspection. In November of 2019, a \$17 million major rehabilitation project allowed for continued use of the bridge, but those stop-gap repairs are only estimated to increase the functional life of the bridge for another 7 years before even more renovations will be required. The bridge serves as a vital transportation link between the work force in rural Tyrrell County and the tourism industry in Dare County along the North Carolina coast and is a essential conduit for goods and services. In addition, the route provides a critical hurricane evacuation route, as it is one of only two current US highways that access the North Carolina Outer Banks. When service interruptions have taken place on the route, NCDOT has provided temporary park and rides with van services and ferry services to accommodate the needs of the work force due to 100-mile detour alternatives.

The proposed replacement bridge will be a high rise, fixed span bridge allowing for uninterrupted vehicular and waterway traffic and eliminating the operational cost of a movable bridge. The replacement bridge will be a longer facility to reduce wetlands impacts and allow improved wildlife crossings. Recent cost increases in roadway construction materials have jeopardized financing this project, rendering MPDG assistance critical. The proposed improvements will benefit operation of the Intracoastal Waterway and ensure waterway freight is not interrupted. Projects like the US64 Bridge Replacement over the Alligator River are the reason the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed.

We request your strong consideration of the US 64 Bridge Replacement application for receipt of MPDG grant funding.

Respectfully,

Signature

Potential items that could be added (include as deemed appropriate):

- Importance of improvements to local businesses in Dare County and the work force in Tyrrell County
- Emergency evacuation time along the corridor
- Consistency of this project with others completed along the US64 and US264 corridor
- Improvements to US64 will provide a safer facility by eliminating stopped conditions for the raising of the movable bridge span and bringing the bridge to current design standards

Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners

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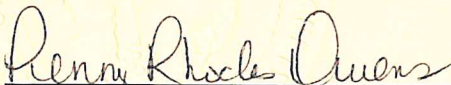
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Division 1 Board of Transportation member, State Legislators serving Tyrrell County, Albemarle RPO, Division 1 DOT Engineer, Town of Manteo, Town of Nags Head, Town of Columbia and Dare County.

This the 2nd day of December, 2014


Leroy Spivey, Chairman


Penny Rhodes Owens, Clerk

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners requests a new or replacement bridge for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Plan in recognition of the vital role this bridge plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Dare County and Eastern North Carolina. Be it further resolved that other funding sources for such improvements should be identified by the State of North Carolina if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 3rd day of March, 2020.

Nathan T. Everett, Chairman
Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners

Penny Rhodes Owens, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board