



**Resolution 2022-05-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID- CURRITUCK BRIDGE  
AND ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE  
STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project has been in the development process for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners supported this project through Resolution No. 2014-12-01; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Dare County and its towns, Currituck County and the Town of Southern Shores, continues to grow, resulting in an ever-increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and

WHEREAS, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion and alleviate delays, thus promoting and enhancing economic development, while bolstering the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project have been studied thoroughly and have been rejected in favor of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the viability and need of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has demonstrated a commitment to construction of the bridge by placing it in the State Transportation Improvement Plan based on the agency's

prioritization process and strong support by local municipalities and the County of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the US District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina ruled in December 2021 that NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have complied with all applicable federal laws and regulations in planning for the bridge; and

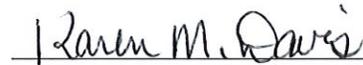
WHEREAS, the court's decision properly affirms the project's compliance with the federal National Environmental Policy Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that it affirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Adopted this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

  
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Ross B. Munro, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Karen M. Davis  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners





## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

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April 22, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners to voice our support for an application to be submitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently, there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid-Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce congestion and travel time for Outer Banks visitors and commuters and provide a critically needed second hurricane evacuation route from the northern Outer Banks. Additional benefits of the project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles, stimulating tourism in Northeast North Carolina, and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

Even after accounting for funding from toll revenues and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, additional funding is required. We fully support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite construction of this much-needed project.

Respectfully yours,

Robert M. White  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners



**CURRITUCK**  
**CHAMBER of COMMERCE**  
*Currituck County, North Carolina*

April 19, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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The Currituck Chamber of Commerce, supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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Josh Bass  
President  
Currituck Chamber of Commerce



## **Resolution**

### **Supporting Construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and its Continued Inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project has been in the development process for over thirty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the popularity of the Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Dare County and its towns, and Currituck County, continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and

**WHEREAS**, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion and alleviate delays, thus promoting and enhancing economic development, while bolstering the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, alternatives to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project have been studied thoroughly and have been rejected in favor of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the viability and need of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has demonstrated a commitment to construction of the bridge by placing it in the State Transportation Improvement Plan based on the agency's prioritization process and strong support by local municipalities and the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the US District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina ruled in December 2021 that NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration have complied with all applicable federal laws and regulations in planning for the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the court's decision properly affirms the project's compliance with the federal National Environmental Policy Act.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Plan.

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Woodard, Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cheryl C. Anby", written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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April 24, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Town of Kill Devil Hills supports the submission of application for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority to the U.S. Department of Transportation to aid the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

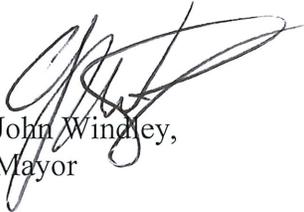
To understand our support, one must look at the many hardships that the Outer Banks faces due to its precious but also isolated qualities. The Outer Banks is a strip of barrier islands; separating the Atlantic Ocean from mainland North Carolina. Composed of these islands are many towns and villages, all serving as home for over 36,000 full-time residents and a vacation destination for 4-6 million visitors year after year.

Currently, there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound on the coast of North Carolina, the Wright Memorial Bridge on US 158 connecting a Northeast route into the Outer Banks. With tourism being the driving economic force for the Outer Banks, these two spans (35 and 60 years old) stay occupied and overburdened with traffic. The Mid-Currituck Bridge will add an additional route to enter into the northern Outer Banks beach communities, improving traffic flow and emergency service times drastically. Hurricanes, nor'easters, and coastal storms are always on our radar throughout the year. Providing a second evacuation route would be a tremendous accomplishment and essential lifeline for visitor and citizen safety.

The Town of Kill Devil Hills prides itself on our residents and visitors that value our beaches, the Wright Brothers Memorial, schools, and businesses. We feel confident that with the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge these values will continue and thrive for many more years to come. Funding from toll revenues and the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan is not enough, as additional funding is

required. The Town of Kill Devil Hills supports the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application to expedite construction of this much needed project.

Sincerely,



John Windley,  
Mayor

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April 18, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Town of Kitty Hawk is in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority's application for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). The grant is intended to aid in the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, and it will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Outer Banks faces many hardships due to its precious but also isolated qualities. The Outer Banks is a strip of barrier islands; composed of these islands are many towns and villages, all serving as homes for full-time residents and a vacation spot for 4-6 million visitors year after year.

Currently, there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound on the coast of North Carolina, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge on US 158. This bridge connects a Northeast route into the Outer Banks. However, with tourism being the driving economic force for the Outer Banks, the two existing spans (35 and 60 years old) are always occupied and overburdened with traffic. This leads to local law enforcement agencies having to control traffic congestion during the summer months, due to having only one access point.

The construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge will create a new route to enter the northern Outer Banks beach communities. This will greatly improve traffic flow and emergency response times. As hurricanes, nor'easters, and coastal storms are a constant threat throughout the year, having a second evacuation route for our residents and visitors would be a significant improvement for our community.

The Town of Kitty Hawk serves as the gateway to the Outer Banks and has three main priorities: preserving its rich history, enhancing, and protecting its natural resources, and promoting

resilience. The construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge aligns with these priorities and will help both the Town and the Outer Banks thrive for many years to come.

The funding received from toll revenues and the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan is not sufficient to cover the necessary expenses. Therefore, additional funding is required. The Town of Kitty Hawk strongly endorses the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's proposal to accelerate the construction of this essential project.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this initiative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Craig Garriss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "G".

D. Craig Garriss  
Mayor



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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce representing over 800 businesses in the Currituck, Dare and Ocracoke region, supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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Even after accounting for funding from toll revenues and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, additional funding is required. The Outer Banks Chamber fully supports the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite construction of this much needed project.

Respectfully,

*Robert DeFazio*

Robert DeFazio, Chairman of the Board

*Karen S. Brown*

Karen S. Brown, President & CEO

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Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

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April 18, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Town of Duck, North Carolina supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid- Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce congestion and travel time for Outer Banks visitors and commuters, and provide a critically needed second hurricane evacuation route from the northern Outer Banks. Currently, thousands of visitors travel through the Town of Duck to reach their destination in Currituck County to enjoy the beaches there. All must travel on a two-lane highway that is currently over capacity due to the volume of vehicles and this leads to significant concerns should an evacuation be ordered in advance of a weather emergency. Additional benefits of the project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles, stimulating tourism in Northeast North Carolina, and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

Even after accounting for funding from toll revenues and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, additional funding is required. We fully support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite construction of this much needed project.

Respectfully,

*Don Kingston*

Don Kingston,  
Mayor



CAMDEN

April 17, 2024

CHOWAN

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
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The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO) works in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) assisting the counties of; Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, and Dare with regional and locally based short-range and long-range transportation planning. We are writing this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Turnpike Authority submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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Even after accounting for funding from toll revenues and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, additional funding is required. We fully support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite the construction of this much-needed project.

Sincerely,

Lloyd E. Griffin III  
ARPO RTAC Chairman



**Ben Cahoon**  
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April 18, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
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Re: Support of the mid-Currituck County Bridge construction

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners, I am forwarding this letter in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid-Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina. The Mid-Currituck Bridge will divert a significant amount of traffic well north of the Wright Memorial Bridge, providing another crossing of the sound and providing a much quicker route for vehicles traveling to the Currituck and northern Dare portions of the Outer Banks.

Additionally, this project will substantially improve traffic flow on the Wright Memorial Bridge and on US 158 in southern Currituck and northern Dare Counties. This will provide a major benefit for travelers to Nags Head, substantially reducing congestion and travel time and providing a critically needed second hurricane evacuation route from the northern Outer Banks. Additional benefits of the project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles, stimulating tourism in Northeast North Carolina, and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

We fully support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite construction of this much needed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Cahoon', is written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head



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April 19, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
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The Town of Southern Shores supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Opportunity to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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Even after accounting for funding from toll revenues and Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans, additional funding is required. We fully support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application for \$425 million to expedite construction of this much needed project.

Elizabeth Morey  
Mayor

## Previous Letters of Support

1. “Support for the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project” – Camden County, February 14, 2019.
2. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, February 14, 2019.
3. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County, February 14, 2019.
4. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Perquimans County, February 14, 2019.
5. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, February 13, 2019.
6. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Albemarle Rural Planning Organization, February 12, 2019.
7. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Currituck Chamber of Commerce, February 12, 2019.
8. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, February 12, 2019.
9. Supporting NCTA’s INFRA application for Mid-Currituck Bridge – Town of Duck, February 12, 2019.
10. Supporting construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and its continued inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan” – Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina, April 2017.
11. “Supporting the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project”- Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, March 2017.
12. “Supporting construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and its continued inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan” – Town of Southern Shores, March 2017.
13. “Supporting construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and its continued inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan” – County of Currituck, March 2017.
14. “In Support of including US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge on the Strategic Transportation Corridors Network Map” – County of Currituck, December 2014.
15. “In Support of including US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge on the Strategic Transportation Corridors Network Map” – County of Dare, December 2014.
16. “Supporting the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and urging the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee to endorse the project” – Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina, October 2012.
17. “Supporting the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge”- County of Dare, October 2012.
18. “Supporting Gap Funding for the Mid-Currituck Bridge” – County of Dare, January 2013, June 2012.
19. “Supporting Gap Funding for the Mid-Currituck Bridge” – Town of Southern Shores, October 2012.
20. “Currituck Mid\_County Bridge Funding” – County of Dare, June 2012

21. "Approving the North Carolina Turnpike Authority Draft Environmental Study Alternative, MCB4, of the NCTA and FHWA as identified in the DEIS" – Town of Southern Shores, April 2011.
22. "Supporting Gap Funding for the Mid-Currituck Bridge" – County of Currituck, February 2011.
23. "Approving the North Carolina Turnpike Authority Draft Environmental Study Alternative, MCB4 as the only alternative" – Town of Southern Shores, May 2010.
24. "Supporting the communities of Aydlett and Waterlily in opposition to US 158/ Mid-Currituck Bridge Interchange (Option B) and barrier wall preventing safe and convenient travel from Waterlily road" – County of Currituck, October 2009.
25. "Supporting the Mid-Currituck Bridge and North Carolina Turnpike Authority's presentation" – County of Currituck, March 2008.
26. "In Support of Grant Request for two million dollars of Federal Highway Transportation Funds to conduct feasibility study for the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge" – County of Currituck, April 2005.
27. "In Support of Grant Request for two million dollars of Federal Highway Transportation Funds to conduct feasibility study for the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge" – County of Dare, March 2005.
28. "Supporting widening of NC 12 and Fly-over at the intersection of US 158 -NC 12" – County of Currituck, September 2004.
29. "Supporting immediate construction of the Mid-Currituck County Bridge and support of Local Government Jurisdiction" – County of Dare, November 2002.
30. Supporting the Mid-Currituck Bridge and opposing the widening of NC 12" – Town of Southern Shores, September 2002.
31. "Supporting the efforts of NCDOT to include Hurricane Evacuation as a part of the purpose and need study for the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge" – County of Dare, July 2002.
32. "Support of the efforts of NCDOT to include hurricane evacuation as a purpose and need for the Currituck mid-county bridge project" – County of Currituck, July 2002.
33. Request to NCDOT to include several projects in the 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program including Construction of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge, – County of Currituck, November 2001.
34. "Supporting widening of NC 12 and Currituck Mid-County Bridge" – County of Currituck, February 2001.
35. Request to NCDOT to include several projects in the 2001 Transportation Improvement Program including Construction of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge, – County of Currituck, December 2000.
36. "Supporting the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge" – Town of Southern Shores, April 2000.
37. "Southern Shores to Participate in Mid-Currituck Bridge Case"

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**Camden County**  
Camden, North Carolina

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February 14, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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SUBJECT: Support for the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project

Dear Madam Secretary:

Camden County supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid- Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce travel time for Outer Banks visitors and commuters, and substantially reduce hurricane clearance time. Additional benefits of the Project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

After accounting for funding from toll revenue and the funding expected from a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority is requesting a \$75 million INFRA award to construct the project. INFRA funds will be used for construction costs. The Mid-Currituck Bridge project meets all INFRA grant merit criteria and would positively affect mobility throughout the region, state and the Mid-Atlantic States.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Bowman  
County Manager



February 14, 2019

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Dear Madam Secretary:

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid- Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce travel time for Outer Bank visitors and commuters, and substantially reduce hurricane clearance time. Additional benefits of the Project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

After accounting for funding from toll revenue and the funding expected from a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority is requesting a \$75 million INFRA award to construct the project. INFRA funds will be used for construction costs. The Mid-Currituck Bridge project meets all INFRA grant merit criteria and would positively affect mobility throughout the region, state and the Mid-Atlantic States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Johnson".

Rachel Johnson  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Win Dale".

Win Dale  
Secretary

February 14, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Economic Development Commission strongly supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority's application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge is needed to increase access across the Currituck Sound to help drive economic development and tourism along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Currently, the only vehicle access via the Currituck Sound is the Wright Memorial Bridge on US 158 which is located in the southern portion of Currituck County near its border with Dare County.

The new bridge would be located farther north providing better vehicular access and improved traffic flow for residents and visitors. In addition, new infrastructure investments like this aid in local public safety and emergency management efforts to provide additional passage from the mainland to the Outer Banks for hurricane evacuation efforts.

Please know that my community and organization fully supports this project and would love to see additional infrastructure investment in Northeastern North Carolina.

Respectfully,



Christian A. Lockamy  
Director of Economic Development  
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County  
252.339.7902 – [calockamy@ecpcedc.com](mailto:calockamy@ecpcedc.com)

**PERQUIMANS COUNTY**  
**Economic Development**  
**P.O. Box 45**  
**Hertford, NC 27944**

February 14, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

Perquimans County, a neighboring county to Currituck and Dare Counties in North Carolina, supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast, which is the Wright Memorial Bridge, on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid- Atlantic Region and an economic engine for northeastern North Carolina.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce travel time for Outer Bank visitors and commuters, and substantially reduce hurricane clearance time. Additional benefits of the Project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles, stimulating tourism in Northeast North Carolina and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

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Sincerely,



David Goss  
Economic Development Consultant  
Perquimans County



# The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

*Serving Currituck and Dare Counties, Ocracoke Island*

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info@outerbankschamber.com

February 13, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and its 950 members, board of directors and volunteers support the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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Sincerely,

Karen S. Brown, MBA, CCE  
President & CEO  
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

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February 12, 2019

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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is the duly recognized transportation planning policy board for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO) of which Currituck County is a member. The ARPO RTAC supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid Currituck Bridge.

Currently there is only one crossing of the Currituck Sound along the North Carolina Coast the Wright Memorial Bridge on US 158 at the southern end of Currituck County near its border with Dare County. The Outer Banks are a major tourism destination in the Mid-Atlantic Region and an economic engine for eastern North Carolina. The Mid-Currituck bridge project will substantially improve traffic flow on the thoroughfares in the project area, substantially reduce travel time for Outer Bank visitors and commuters, and substantially reduce hurricane clearance time. Additional benefits of the Project include reducing operating costs for passenger cars and freight vehicles and improving public health by reducing air emissions from vehicles.

After accounting for funding from toll revenue and the funding expected from a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, the NCTA is requesting a \$75 million INFRA award to construct the project. INFRA funds will be used for construction costs. The Mid- Currituck Bridge project meets all INFRA grant merit criteria and would positively affect mobility throughout the region, state and Mid- Atlantic states.

Sincerely,

Lloyd E. Griffin III  
ARPO RTAC Chairman



**CURRITUCK  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**  
*Currituck County, North Carolina*

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

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Sincerely,

Joshua Bass  
President

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary:

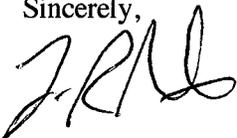
The Dare County Tourism Board (d.b.a. The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau) supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Turnpike Authority submitting an application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

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After accounting for funding from toll revenue and the funding expected from a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority is requesting a \$75 million INFRA award to construct the project. The Dare County Tourism Board/Outer Banks Visitors Bureau fully supports the request for a \$75 million INFRA award to construct the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Sincerely,



Lee R. Nettles  
Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau



February 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Town Council and the residents, property owners, business owners, and visitors to the Town of Duck to transmit a resolution adopted by the Town Council on March 1, 2017, in support of the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project. Specifically, I am writing to support the application by the NC Turnpike Authority for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program (INFRA) Grant for the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge in the amount of \$75 million.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge has been contemplated for nearly thirty years. As the North Carolina Turnpike Authority has stated in the Mid-Currituck Bridge Study FEIS Fact Sheet:

*"N.C. 12 serves as the only highway corridor to the Currituck County Outer Banks. Due to high existing and future travel demand, there is a substantial need to improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares (U.S. 158 and N.C. 12) and reduce travel time between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks. Evacuation times from the Outer Banks along U.S. 158 and N.C. 168 must also be reduced. The Mid-Currituck Bridge will improve mobility and road capacity within the project study area by providing an alternative route to and from the Currituck County Outer Banks."*

The draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-Currituck Bridge was completed in March 2010 and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed in January 2012. The project is now in the North Carolina STIP awaiting the Record of Decision (ROD), originally expected this spring, with construction beginning shortly thereafter. Due to the time that has elapsed since its release, the Final EIS is undergoing a re-evaluation by the FHWA that will determine if there is any information that was not considered in the original document. The Town is hopeful that this re-evaluation will conclude that the information in the Final EIS is accurate and that the ROD will be published. Provided that the FHWA concludes, as anticipated, that supplemental information is not required, the FHWA signature on the ROD is expected imminently.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge project has a cost estimate of \$591 million. A portion of the funding for the project will be derived from bonds to be paid back by toll revenue. Additional funding for the project will come from a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan and \$75 million in funding is requested from the INFRA grant. The Mid-Currituck Bridge

Secretary Chao  
February 12, 2019  
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Project meets all INFRA grant merit criteria and would greatly affect mobility throughout the eastern region of North Carolina (and Virginia) and the other Mid-Atlantic states.

Secretary Chao, to reiterate, I, the Town Council, and the entire Town of Duck, fully support the application by the NC Turnpike Authority for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program (INFRA) Grant for the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge in the amount of \$75 million.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald P. Kingston', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Donald P. Kingston  
Mayor

Enclosure

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH  
CAROLINA, SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND  
ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN

Resolution #17-02

WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project has been in the development process for over twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Dare County and its towns, Currituck County and the Town of Duck, continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland, Dare County and Currituck County Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, another purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and

WHEREAS, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion and alleviate delays, thus promoting and enhancing economic development, while bolstering the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project have been studied thoroughly and have been rejected in favor of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the viability and need of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has demonstrated a commitment to construction of the bridge by securing funding and including the project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017, that it reaffirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March, 2017



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk





April 6, 2017

The Honorable Walter B. Jones  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2333 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Town Council and the residents, property owners, business owners, and visitors to the Town of Duck to transmit a resolution adopted by the Town Council on March 1, 2017, in support of the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project. Specifically, I am writing to request any assistance that you may be able to offer to assist in the issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The Mid-Currituck Bridge has been contemplated for nearly thirty years. As the North Carolina Turnpike Authority has stated in the Mid-Currituck Bridge Study FEIS Fact Sheet:

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Recently, the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), along with the group calling itself "No Mid-Currituck Bridge" and the North Carolina Wildlife Federation have stepped up their efforts to derail the project. In a letter from the SELC to North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Secretary Trogden, the organization challenges the Final EIS and presents what it purports to be an effective, less invasive and cheaper alternative than the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Congressman Jones  
April 6, 2017  
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It is the Town's position that the letter and the report are classic examples of one-sided advocacy with the goal of delaying the issuance of the ROD and ultimately killing the project by delaying it as long as possible. With the exception of the traffic projections, which have changed, although not in the Town's opinion to the degree that would negate the need for the Mid-Currituck Bridge, neither the SELC letter or the Walter Kulash report (Mr. Kulash is a transportation planning consultant hired by the SELC) with suggested alternatives to the bridge contain any significant information that has not been previously and thoroughly evaluated. Further, it is unfortunate that a decision was made to release a report impacting the lives and livelihoods of the residents, property owners, business owners, and visitors to the Town without first seeking input from those impacted by the alternatives recommended in it.

Congressman Jones, thank you for your attention to this matter. I, the Town Council, and the entire Town of Duck, appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide as we continue to advocate for the construction of Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DK', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Donald P. Kingston  
Mayor

Enclosure

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH  
CAROLINA, SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND  
ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN

Resolution #17-02

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WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland, Dare County and Currituck County Outer Banks; and

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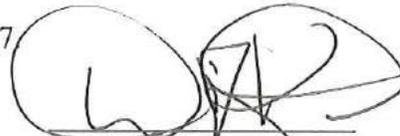
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017, that it reaffirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March, 2017



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk





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DIVISION 1  
OFFICE

March 24, 2017

Mr. Jerry Jennings  
Highway Division 1  
113 Airport Drive  
Suite 100  
Edenton, NC 27932

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I am writing you to state the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce's support to the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project. The Chamber believes that this project is essential to the future growth of the Elizabeth City area as well as the Northeastern Region of North Carolina.

The bridge would be crucial for public safety measures on the Outer Banks. The Mid-Currituck bridge would substantially reduce travel time for emergency medical services and provide the safest and most efficient method for hurricane evacuation of residents and visitors in Currituck and Dare Counties.

The Mid-Currituck bridge would also substantially improve traffic flow on NC 12 and US 158 roadways; and reduce travel time for working residents and visitors traveling between the North Carolina mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks. This would allow for additional commercial opportunities in the Elizabeth City Area and the region as a whole.

Very Respectfully,

Douglas S. Gardner  
Board Chair

Michael D. Hindenach  
President



## **Town of Southern Shores**

5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27919

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Resolution #2017-03-01**

**WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project has been in the development process for over twenty-five years; and**

**WHEREAS, the popularity of Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Dare County and its towns, Currituck County and the Town of Southern Shores, continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and**

**WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and**

**WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and**

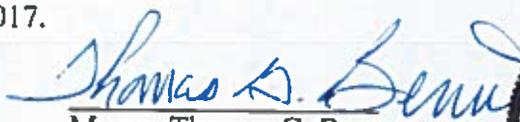
**WHEREAS, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion and alleviate delays, thus promoting and enhancing economic development, while bolstering the tourism industry; and**

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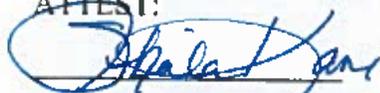
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2017, that it reaffirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2017.

  
Mayor, Thomas G. Bennett



ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

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March 6, 2017

Mr. James H. Trogdon, III  
Secretary of Transportation  
1501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Secretary Trogdon,

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners, at its February 6, 2017 meeting, adopted the enclosed resolution reaffirming its support for the construction of Mid-Currituck Bridge and the project's continued inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Building the Mid-Currituck Bridge is important to our region from a connectivity, mobility and economic perspective and remains a priority for Currituck County. The ongoing, annual traffic congestion along NC-168, NC-158 and NC-12, and the looming disaster of a major hurricane evacuation in the Outer Banks, underscore the safety and mobility elements of this project. The Mid-Currituck Bridge would also provide significant economic benefits for the entire Northeast North Carolina region.

We look forward to working with you as this long overdue project begins to move forward. If you would like more information please contact us. We are happy to discuss in more detail why the Mid-Currituck Bridge project is so important to Currituck County, its citizens and its many thousands of summer visitors.

Sincerely,

Bobby Hanig  
Chairman

BH/lw

Cc: Senator Bill Cook  
Representative Bob Steinburg  
Representative John Torbett



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the popularity of the Currituck Outer Banks continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Currituck Outer Banks; and

**WHEREAS**, many thousands of vehicles use N.C. Highway 12 along the northern Outer Banks, the only means of ingress and egress to the Currituck Outer Banks, resulting in traffic congestion and significant delays, particularly on summer weekends; and

**WHEREAS**, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion, alleviate delays, provide efficient beach access and promote and enhance economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Currituck Bridge will be a critical means of hurricane or other storm event evacuation, providing an alternate evacuation route to N.C. Highway 12 and insuring the safety of visitors and residents of the northern Outer Banks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Currituck Bridge will encourage and induce increased commerce on the Currituck County Mainland while positively impacting Currituck County's Land Use Plan and Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of a Mid-Currituck Bridge have been recognized by towns and counties adjacent to Currituck County and garnered their strong support; and

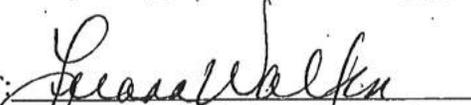
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has demonstrated a commitment to construction of the bridge by securing funding and including the project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project and advocates for advancement of this crucial project and its continued inclusion as a funded project in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

**ADOPTED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



  
Bobby Hanig, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Leeann Walton, Clerk to the Board



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

County Manager's Office  
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December 2, 2014

Mrs. Kerry Morrow  
Statewide Engineer, Transportation Planning Branch  
North Carolina Department of Transportation  
1501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Mrs. Morrow,

I'm writing to provide additional comments in the form of a resolution on behalf of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners regarding NCDOT's Strategic Transportation Corridors draft maps and planning documents. Please note that this resolution is intended to supplement written comments first provided to NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch in a letter dated June 12, 2014.

As Currituck County shared in that previous letter, we have grave concerns that the omission of the VA/NC 168 - US 158 corridors – including the Mid-Currituck Bridge – in this long-term planning process will undercut the County and Region's opportunities for critical highway improvements, project prioritization and consistent funding support.

The resolution included with this letter underscores the importance our citizens and Board of Commissioners place in role that the VA/NC 168 - US 158 corridor plays in Currituck County's tourism, economic development, growth and quality of life.

Mrs. Morrow, please include and share the attached resolution for consideration with the Transportation Planning Branch, consultants, the North Carolina Board of Transportation and relevant legislative oversight bodies.

Thank you for your time and attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Scanlon, II  
County Manager

CC: Currituck County Board of Commissioners  
Angela Welsh, Planner & Coordinator, Albemarle Rural Planning Organization  
Malcolm Fearing, NCDOT Board of Transportation, Division 1 Representative



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCLUDING US 158, US 168 AND THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE ON THE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS NETWORK MAP**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has recently replaced the Strategic Highway Corridors network map adopted by the North Carolina Board of Transportation in 2004 with the Strategic Transportation Corridors map; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Transportation Corridors network map omits US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge which were previously included on the Strategic Highway Corridors network map; and

WHEREAS, these corridors are vital for the economic development, mobility and safety of residents and visitors of Northeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the US 158 and US 168 corridors are the primary hurricane evacuation routes for residents and visitors of the Outer Banks and the State of Virginia has informed us, as part of the Barco Diversion Plan, they may close the border and require all North Carolina residents and visitors to enter Virginia via 1-95; and

WHEREAS, the US 158 and US 168 corridors connect Northeastern North Carolina to one of only two deep water ports on the east coast-the Port of Virginia; two major airports, and Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck bridge would serve as an alternate hurricane evacuation route for residents and visitors of the Outer Banks, reduce congestion, create jobs; and create tax revenue for the State from toll revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is the duly recognized transportation planning policy board for the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization and hereby supports the inclusion of US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge on the Strategic Transportation Corridors Map.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly supports and encourages the inclusion of US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge on the Strategic Transportation Corridors Map.

Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014.

S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman  
Currituck County Board of Commissioners  
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
Leeann Walton, Clerk to the Board



#14-12-17

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the inclusion of US 158, US 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge on the Strategic Transportation Corridors Map. This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014



  
Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA,  
SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND URGING  
THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO  
ENDORSE THE PROJECT

Resolution No. 12-11

WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project (MCB) has been in the development process for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), a division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has evaluated proposed transportation improvements in the Currituck Sound area, and has recommended the construction of a Mid-Currituck Bridge, specifically, the MCB4 Recommended Alternative of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and

WHEREAS, MCB4 is characterized by the construction of two-lane toll bridge across the Currituck Sound which approach roads in Currituck County, a third outbound evacuation lane on US 158 between NC 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge as a hurricane evacuation lane or using the existing center turn lane as a third outbound evacuation lane, adding for evacuation use only, a third outbound evacuation lane on US 158 between the Wright Memorial Bridge and NC 12 as a hurricane evacuation improvement or using the existing center turn lane as a third outbound evacuation lane and widening NC 12 to four lanes and a median in the Currituck Outer Banks from Seashell Lane to the intersection of NC 12 and Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

WHEREAS, MCB4 would not require additional improvements to NC 12 within the Town of Duck, including the widening of NC 12 within the Town limits, thus being less costly than other alternatives and not creating adverse impacts to the Duck Community; and

WHEREAS, a Record of Decision on the MCB is imminent, thus allowing for the construction of the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised about the MCB by the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLTOC) particularly in regards to the financing of the project primarily through toll revenues as detailed in the MCB P3 agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation Turnpike Authority and the Currituck Development Group, LLC (CDG); and

WHEREAS, the MCB P3 agreement represents a fiscally sound approach to the funding of the MCB with little risk to the State of North Carolina in terms of construction costs, operation and maintenance of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, this traffic congestion would be mitigated greatly by the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

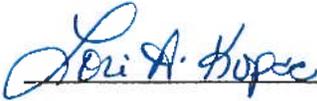
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October, 2012, that the Town Council of the Town of Duck strongly supports the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

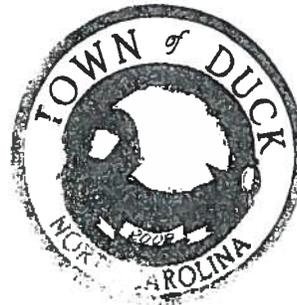
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council respectfully implores the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee to endorse the Mid Currituck Bridge project.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2012.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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October 2, 2012

To: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

From: Warren Judge, Chairman Dare County Board of Commissioners

Re: Support of the Mid-Currituck Bridge

I am writing to express the continued support of the Dare County Board of Commissioners for the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

Building the Mid-Currituck Bridge would play a central role in expanding the tourism economy in northeastern North Carolina. It would also accelerate and expand the entire tourism industry in the state of North Carolina.

Tourism is the economic engine of North Carolina's Outer Banks counties. In 2011, tourism in Currituck and Dare counties accounted for almost \$1 Billion in economic impact, 12,640 jobs (paying \$198 Million in local salaries), and \$95.6 million in State and Local taxes. Tourism spending throughout North Carolina hit a record \$18 billion; tax receipts from visitor spending eclipsed \$1 billion for the first time ever. Meanwhile, the industry accounted for 187,900 jobs in 2011, translating into \$4 billion in salaries to North Carolinians.

Sustainable tourism relies heavily on a strong infrastructure to thrive and grow. This is why the ability of our roads and highways on the Outer Banks to safely and efficiently carry passengers to their destination is of paramount importance. Of the 7.5 million Outer Banks visitors, an estimated 75% arrive from the north via I-64 and Hampton Roads. Most visitors arrive Friday thru Sunday, the primary check-in days for beach cottages.

The current highways in Currituck and Dare Counties fail to meet this demand. Weekend congestion causes consistent traffic backups of two hours or more on both US 158 and NC 12. These massive delays are an inconvenience for visitors and, most alarmingly, for residents, local employees, first responders and busy law enforcement officers. The situation results in both short and long-term damage to the Outer Banks region and our state's tourism industry - especially as we compete with alternative vacation destinations to both the north and south.

Construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge will have a badly needed immediate economic impact through the creation of thousands of jobs during the construction phase. Long term the bridge will provide opportunities for further development on the mainland of Currituck County creating economic growth for the county.

Of vital importance is the role that the Mid-Currituck Bridge would serve as an evacuation route. In the event of a hurricane, the bridge will facilitate the timely, safe, and efficient evacuation of both residents and visitors. The Mid-Currituck Bridge will serve as an alternative evacuation route and provide an invaluable transportation lifeline from the northern Outer Banks. As a matter of public safety and necessity, the bridge is worthy of immediate consideration.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge has been in the planning stage for more than twenty years. Its financial feasibility is sound. Much has been accomplished: \$18 million dollars has already been invested in the project. I urge you to not delay this project any further, just as a Record of Decision and commercial closing are within grasp.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren C. Judge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "W" and "J".

Warren C. Judge, Chairman  
Dare County Board of Commissioners



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13-01-08

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GAP FUNDING FOR THE MID CURRITUCK BRIDGE

WHEREAS, for over twenty years the Dare County Board of Commissioners has recognized that a Mid-Currituck Bridge across the Currituck Sound would serve a vital need for the residents and visitors of North Carolina's Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, a Mid-Currituck Bridge would provide efficient beach access, reduce congestion, alleviate delays, promote economic development, and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, during hurricanes and other emergencies, the Mid-Currituck Bridge would provide an important evacuation route as an alternative to Highway 12, which is a narrow two-lane road that is already filled to capacity during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a Mid-Currituck Bridge would not only improve public safety, but would increase access for students and an adequate labor force to help meet the ever increasing needs of the Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has been in the planning stages for more than twenty years and funding sources have been identified including "Gap Funding" that would not adversely harm the state's budget in providing this much needed transportation infrastructure.

NOW, THERE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT: the North Carolina General Assembly move forward with "Gap Funding" for the Mid-Currituck Bridge, which has been authorized and included in previous North Carolina budgets as a matter of economic development and public safety

ADOPTED this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2013



Warren C. Judge, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board



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Resolution 2012-10-03

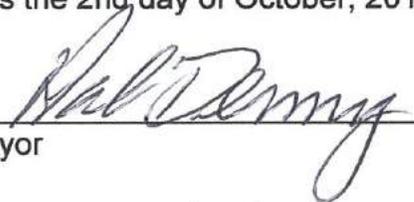
**Whereas** the Town of Southern Shores in Dare County is bisected by North Carolina Highway 12 which is the only route currently available for motor vehicles traveling to and from the Currituck County Outer Banks; and

**Whereas** the Town of Southern Shores (as evidenced by the attached resolutions previously adopted) has continued to support the efforts of the State of North Carolina, particularly the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, to plan, fund, and construct a motor vehicle bridge over the Currituck Sound from mainland Currituck County to the Currituck County Outer Banks; and

**Whereas** the existence of a vehicle bridge over the Currituck Sound connecting the Currituck County Outer Banks to the Currituck County mainland will provide a safer route for transiting motor vehicle traffic and a more efficient route for motor vehicles providing services to citizens and emergency evacuations from the Currituck County Outer Banks;

**Now Therefore** be it resolved that as a communication to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly, the Town of Southern Shores, by and through its Town Council duly elected by its citizens, does respectfully urge the legislative members of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee in making findings and recommendations to the House and Senate of the 2013 General Assembly to recommend continued funding of gap fund appropriations necessary for the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project and continued support of all other resources necessary for the completion of this project.

This the 2nd day of October, 2012.

  
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Mayor

  
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Attest: Town Clerk

(Seal)





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June 13, 2012

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Gary Gross  
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Robert L. Outten  
County Manager/Attorney

RE: CURRITUCK MID-COUNTY BRIDGE FUNDING

Dear Senator Berger,

Full funding of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge is of vital interest to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The bridge has consistently been a high priority transportation project because it will provide efficient access to North Carolina beaches, reduce congestion and delays, and promote economic development.

Not only will the Currituck Mid-County Bridge alleviate weekend traffic backups that can last for hours; the bridge will provide an important evacuation route for Outer Banks residents and visitors in the event of a hurricane. Currently, the only evacuation route that is available for those who vacation in Corolla, Pine Island, Sanderling, and Duck is on a narrow two-lane road, which is filled to capacity during emergencies. The Currituck Mid-County Bridge would provide an alternative evacuation route that will greatly enhance public safety.

I urge the General Assembly to appropriate gap-funding for the proposed Currituck Mid-County Bridge in the upcoming budget. This project has been in the planning stage for more than twenty years. Much has already been accomplished and funding sources for the bridge have been identified: tolls, private equity, and gap-funding.

While I am aware of the budget constraints facing the North Carolina General Assembly, the Public-Private Partnership to be formed to construct and operate the bridge will allow us to leverage scarce dollars at a time when material and construction costs have stabilized.

The Currituck Mid-County Bridge is essential for public safety and for sustaining the tourism economy, which is the lifeblood of the Outer Banks. For these reasons, I ask you to please advocate for full funding of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge.

Sincerely,

Warren C. Judge, Chairman  
Dare County Board of Commissioners



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Resolution 2011-04-03

**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING GAP FUNDING FOR THE  
MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southern Shores recognizes that a bridge across the Currituck Sound from the mainland of Currituck County to Corolla is vitally important to the economic growth and general well being of the State of North Carolina by providing an undeniably better, safer access for residents, vacationers and business travelers to the Northern Outer Banks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southern Shores has and does support efforts to protect the State's natural and cultural resources while moving forward with the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge in an expeditious manner; and,

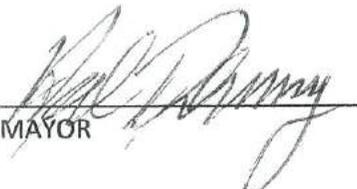
**WHEREAS**, the last two State of North Carolina budgets authorized and implemented "Gap Funding" in support of the Mid-Currituck Bridge through the NC Department of Transportation funding without which the project's feasibility would be in serious peril and cause immediate delays; and,

**WHEREAS**, any reallocation of the necessary "Gap Funding" for the Mid-Currituck Bridge, would delay progress on this most critical public safety and economic development infrastructure project for one of North Carolina's most prized tourist destinations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores, NC respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to continue with the appropriation of necessary "Gap Funding" for the Mid-Currituck Bridge which has been authorized and included in the last two North Carolina Budgets.

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of April, 2011

ATTEST:  
  
Carmel Gordon  
Town Clerk

  
MAYOR



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

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February 24, 2011

The Honorable Paul Stam  
NC House of Representatives  
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2301  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Representative Stam:

Thank you for meeting with me recently concerning gap funding for the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. I know you took time from your busy schedule and I appreciate your kindness. As we discussed, the Mid-Currituck Bridge is vital to the economic growth and well being of Currituck County and Northeastern North Carolina, the efficient and cost-effective provision of county services to a remote area of the county and enhancement of tourist and resident safety in the event of hurricane evacuation.

Continuation of gap funding is vital to the successful completion of the Mid-Currituck Bridge project, and your support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

*J. Owen Etheridge*

J. Owen Etheridge  
Commissioner

*Thanks Skip  
for all you do.  
Owen*

RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING GAP FUNDING  
MID CURRITUCK BRIDGE

**WHEREAS**, almost twenty-five years, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners has recognized that a bridge across Currituck Sound from the mainland to Corolla is vitally important to the economic growth and general well being of Currituck County, Northeast North Carolina and North Carolina, by providing a undeniably better, safer access for residents, vacationers and business travelers to the Northern Outer Banks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners acknowledges that time is of the essence, if Currituck County and the State of North Carolina are to ensure the public's safety, the provision of adequate and quality electric power, water, wastewater, and schools and convenient and ready access of an adequate labor force to help meet the ever increasing needs of the Outer Banks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has declared its intention to protect the county's natural and cultural resources, while moving forward with the construction of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge in a expeditious manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that although the North Carolina Turnpike Authority will ultimately determine the final construction alignment of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge, the county will seek to mitigate impacts on the residents of Currituck County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the last two State of North Carolina budgets authorized and implemented "Gap Funding" in support of the Currituck Mid-Currituck Bridge through the NC Department of Transportation, funding that without which would put the feasibility of the project in serious peril and cause immediate delays; and,

**WHEREAS**, the "Gap Funding" allocated to the Currituck Mid-Currituck Bridge does not impact the State of North Carolina's General Fund and its reallocation would not impact the state's budget but, rather, would irreparably harm over twenty-five years of hard work, support and progress on this most critical public safety and economic development infrastructure project for one of North Carolina's most prized tourist destinations.

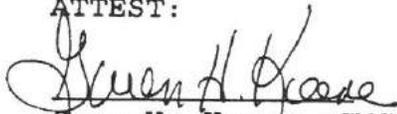
NOW, THERE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CURRITUCK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

SECTION 1. Currituck County respectfully requests that the North Carolina General Assembly continue the "Gap Funding" for the Currituck Mid-County Bridge which has been authorized and included in the last two North Carolina Budgets.

SECTION 2. Currituck County requests that the final construction alignment for the Currituck Mid-County Bridge minimize the impact on Currituck County Mainland and Outer Banks citizens and their property while accomplishing the stated objectives and of this essential bridge.

ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Keene, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

  
O. Vance Aydlett  
Chairman



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Resolution 2010-05-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ALTERNATIVE MCB4 AS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES AND REJECTING ANY FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE MCB2'S FUTURE PLAN FOR ADDRESSING STORM WATER ISSUES ON NC 12 IN SOUTHERN SHORES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southern Shores is a quiet, residential community maintaining a commitment to preserve the unique natural environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) Mid-Currituck Bridge Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) of March 2010 proposes as the recommended alternative for construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge to be Alternative MCB4, and

**WHEREAS**, this Alternative MCB4 does not recommend any alterations to NC 12 through the Town of Southern Shores,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southern Shores Town Council is in total support of Alternative MCB4 as the only acceptable bridge construction alternative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southern Shores Town Council recognizes that NC 12 storm water drainage problems need to be addressed, but the Southern Shores Town Council opposes the plan proposed in Alternative MCB2 as a future means for remediating the storm water drainage issues, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southern Shores Town Council will work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to develop an acceptable means of addressing storm water drainage on NC 12.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2010.



*[Signature]* Town Clerk

*[Signature]* Mayor

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CURRITUCK  
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITIES OF  
AYDLETT AND WATERLILY IN OPPOSITION TO U.S. 158/MID-CURRITUCK  
BRIDGE INTERCHANGE (OPTION B) AND BARRIER WALL PREVENTING  
SAFE AND CONVENIENT TRAVEL FROM WATERLILY ROAD**

WHEREAS, since conceptualization of the Mid-Currituck Bridge in the 1970's the communities of Aydlett and Church's Island have requested, and the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County have agreed, that to the greatest extent possible there be minimal impact on quality of life and the safe movement within Aydlett and Church's Island; and

WHEREAS, there has been a community expectation that the Mid-Currituck Bridge toll plaza would be located near U.S. Highway 158, that Mid-Currituck Bridge traffic and Aydlett local traffic would not be merged and that the Church's Island community would be able to access U.S. Highway 158 from Waterlily Road in the same or similar manner as now accessed; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed an interchange design plan known as U.S. 158/Mid-Currituck Bridge Interchange (Option B) that if constructed will locate the Mid-Currituck Bridge toll plaza in the middle of the Aydlett community; a community of rural residential development and farmland, and require local Aydlett community traffic to merge with Mid-Currituck Bridge traffic increasing the possibility of traveling public traffic detrimentally impacting the serenity of the Aydlett community; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed as part of the Mid-Currituck Bridge design the location of barrier walls at the intersection of Waterlily Road and U.S. Highway 158 that will require south bound traffic from Waterlily Road to travel north on U.S. Highway 158 across the Coinjock Bridge before making a hazardous traffic movement into the south bound lanes of U.S. Highway 158 which will cause great inconvenience to the Church's Island community and unnecessarily expose the community to an unsafe condition; and

WHEREAS, plans for U.S. 158/Mid-County Bridge Interchange (Option B) and barrier wall at Waterlily Road fail to meet the expectation and requirement of the Aydlett and Church's Island communities and the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County, North Carolina that:

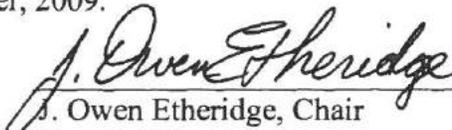
Section 1. Currituck County opposes an interchange design plan known as U.S. 158/Mid-Currituck Bridge Interchange (Option B) and supports an interchange design plan that locates the Mid-County Bridge toll plaza near U.S. Highway 158 and retains Aydlett Road (SR 1140) as the common and ordinary route for local traffic to and from the Aydlett community.

Section 2. Currituck County opposes the location of barrier walls at the intersection of Waterlily Road (SR 1142) and U.S. Highway 158 that will require south bound traffic from Waterlily Road to travel north on U.S. Highway 158 across the Coinjock Bridge before making a hazardous traffic movement into the south bound lanes of U.S. Highway 158 and requests consideration for the location of a service road extending underneath the Coinjock Bridge to allow southbound traffic from Waterlily Road to safely merge into the southbound lanes of U.S. Highway 158.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Marc Basnight, Representative Bill Owens, North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr., in his capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, and David W. Joyner, Executive Director of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED the 19th day of October, 2009.

  
J. Owen Etheridge, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Mary Gilbert,  
Deputy Clerk to the Board





## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Currituck Outer Banks of North Carolina is growing rapidly, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Currituck Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the only means of ingress and egress to the Currituck Outer Banks is along the two lane highway designated as Highway 12; and

WHEREAS, during the summer months, thousands of vehicles use Highway 12 along the northern Outer Banks, resulting in increased traffic congestion and significant traffic delays, especially on Saturdays and Sundays when visitors are coming to and leaving the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, these traffic congestion conditions along Highway 12 are greatly exacerbated during hurricane evacuations; and

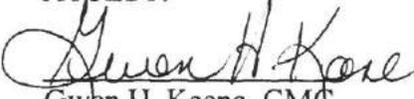
WHEREAS, in order to insure the safety of visitors and residents of the northern Outer Banks, the Mid-Currituck bridge will be considered as a means of hurricane evacuation; and

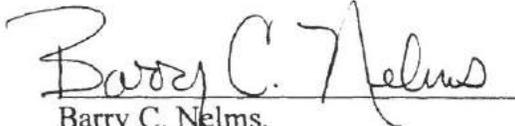
WHEREAS, the construction of the Mid-Currituck bridge will encourage and induce increased commerce on the Currituck County Mainland; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly support the construction of the Mid-County bridge and the presentation made by the North Carolina Turnpike Authority on February 26, 2008.

ADOPTED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2008

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Keene, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

  
Barry C. Nelms,  
Chairman

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT REQUEST FOR TWO MILLION  
DOLLARS OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO  
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR  
THE MID-CURRITUCK SOUND BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge has been proposed for a number of years to, among other things, alleviate the traffic problems that have plagued the Currituck County Beaches, Southern Currituck County, Northern Dare County and the Northern Dare County Beaches; and

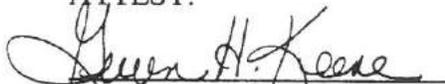
**WHEREAS**, the traffic congestion and other traffic related problems in the aforementioned areas have increased each year and will continue to increase as the Outer Banks grows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Commissioners recognize the need for the expeditious construction of the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge and to facilitate such construction supports the Build the Bridge Coalition's January 13, 2005 grant request for two million dollars in federal highway transportation funds to conduct the necessary feasibility study for the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners at its April 18, 2005 regular meeting, voted to adopt this resolution supporting the Build the Bridge Coalition's January 13, 2005, grant request for two million dollars in federal highway transportation funds to conduct the necessary feasibility study for the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge.

ADOPTED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Keene, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

  
Paul R. Martin  
Chairman

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**Resolution in Support of Grant Request for Two Million Dollars of Federal Highway Transportation Funds to conduct feasibility study for the Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge.**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge has been proposed for a number of years to, among other things, alleviate the traffic problems that have plagued the Currituck County Beaches, Southern Currituck County, Northern Dare County and the Northern Dare County Beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the traffic congestion and other traffic related problems in the aforementioned areas have increased each year and will continue to increase as the Outer Banks grows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dare County Commissioners recognize the need for the expeditious construction of the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge and to facilitate such construction supports the Build the Bridge Coalition's January 13, 2005 grant request for two million dollars in federal highway transportation funds to conduct the necessary feasibility study for the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dare County Board of Commissioners at its March 21, 2005 regular meeting, voted to adopt this resolution supporting the Build the Bridge Coalition's January 13, 2005 grant request for two million dollars in federal highway transportation funds to conduct the necessary feasibility study for the Mid Currituck Sound Bridge.

Adopted this the 21st day of March, 2005



**DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BY: *[Signature]*  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: *Frances W. Harris*  
CLERK



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WIDENING OF NC 12 AND FLY-OVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 158-NC 12

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently conducting a study of the transportation needs for the intersection NC 12 and US 158 in Dare County and the widening of NC 12; and

WHEREAS, the current study indicates the widening of NC 12 to a multi-lane highway through Corolla and the Towns of Duck and Southern Shores and the construction of a fly-over at the intersection of US 158 and NC 12 to keep the traffic moving; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners have gone on record and has unanimously adopted several resolutions supporting the Mid-County Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the demands on US 158 at the Wright Memorial Bridge and NC 12 have become greater resulting in increased traffic congestion and significant traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, the traffic delays have negatively impacted the businesses in the southern end of Currituck County as well our citizens cannot leave their homes on weekends due to traffic; and

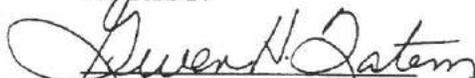
WHEREAS, the widening of NC 12 and a fly-over at the intersection of US 158 and NC 12 has become a priority and this critical project needs to be constructed.

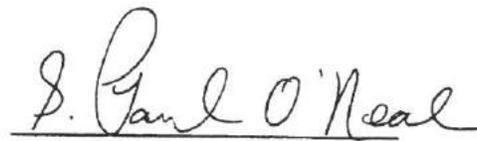
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the widening of NC 12, a fly-over and the construction of the Mid-County Bridge.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Mike Easley, Secretary of Transportation, Lyndo Tippett, Senator Marc Basnight, Representative Bill Owens, Board of Transportation Member, Stan White, Mayor of Southern Shores and Mayor of Duck.

ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Tatem, CMC

  
S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE MID-CURRITUCK COUNTY BRIDGE AND SUPPORT OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Outer Banks of North Carolina is a major tourism destination and increased development and popularity has increased number of visitors to the Outer Banks beaches, and,

**WHEREAS**, 92% of Outer Banks visitors arrive via automobile resulting in high volumes of traffic heading to and from Southern Shores, Duck and Corolla via the only access corridor to the northern beaches, bringing visitors through mainland Currituck County on US 158, to US 158 and NC 12 north to beach destinations, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores and Duck continue to play host to rapidly expanding traffic congestion resulting in extreme commuter travel times, and,

**WHEREAS**, the current traffic counts taken by the North Carolina Department of Transportation in 2001 indicate that a significant amount of this traffic using this route is destined for Duck and Corolla, Currituck County of the Outer Banks, and

**WHEREAS**, construction of a Mid-Currituck County Bridge would most significantly lessen this traffic on the aforementioned roads, save energy resources consumed by traffic gridlock, and provide an alternative route for both safety and hurricane evacuation, and

**WHEREAS**, the current Department of Transportation Currituck Sound Area Transportation Study (TIP Project R-2576) is examining alternatives to alleviate the current traffic problems and manage safe and efficient traffic flows, and,

**WHEREAS**, alternative solutions should be studied to improve transportation infrastructure and keeping pace with development, and the focus should remain upon the expedient construction of a Mid-Currituck County Bridge, and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments within the impacted area are the primary stakeholder and maintain valuable knowledge of transportation needs, preservation of community and sustaining economic viability, and,

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation should support the opinions of the local governments impacted by transportation needs and improvement projects within their local jurisdictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Dare County Board of Commissioners acknowledges transportation routes to the Northern Beaches has not kept pace with development and visitation and immediate construction of the Mid-Currituck County Bridge is requested, and,

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, the Dare County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the importance of local municipalities in impacted areas and the local jurisdiction should be highly regarded and supported where transportation projects or programs impact their communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, Lyndo Tippett, Senator Marc Basnight and Representative Bill Culpepper.

This 4<sup>h</sup> day of November, 2002.



DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Warrick D. Bell  
Chairman

ATTESTED: Francis W. Harris  
Clerk



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Resolution 02-09-016

#### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES IN SUPPORT OF A MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND OPPOSITION TO WIDENING NC 12

WHEREAS, the Currituck County beaches have become extremely popular and the traffic load heading there through mainland Currituck County, the NC 12 and US 158 intersection, the Towns of Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores and Duck continues to rapidly increase; and

WHEREAS, there is only one current access corridor to these beaches as described above;

WHEREAS, the current traffic counts taken by the NC Department of Transportation in 2001 indicate that the vast majority of the traffic load (70% on a summer weekend, 60% on a summer weekday and 66% on a non Summer weekday) using this route have a destination in the Currituck County Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, construction of a Mid-Currituck Bridge would most significantly lessen this traffic load on the aforementioned roads, alleviate the current traffic back-up, save energy resources now consumed by traffic gridlock and provide an alternative route for both safety and hurricane evacuation; and

WHEREAS, the current DOT Currituck Sound Area Transportation Study (TIP Project R-2576) is examining alternatives to alleviate the current problem; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the current study effort is not directed at alleviating the current and growing problem primarily through the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

WHEREAS, some focus has been placed upon widening NC 12 through the towns of Southern Shores and Duck to solve traffic problems with attendant destruction of the environment and character of both towns.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Southern Shores Town Council once again reiterates that the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge as soon as possible is imperative for traffic, safety and public service reasons. Construction in 2009 as is presently planned is unacceptable.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Southern Shores Council is strongly opposed to widening of NC 12 through the town of Southern Shores because it would destroy both the environment and character of our town.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Secretary of Transportation, Lyndo Tippet, Senator Marc Basnight, Representative Bill Culpepper and Commissioner Stan White, Board of Transportation Member.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2002.

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk

  
Mayor

Res #R02-07-34

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF  
NCDOT TO INCLUDE HURRICANE EVACUATION AS  
A PART OF THE PURPOSE AND NEED STUDY FOR  
THE MID-CURRITUCK SOUND BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, the northern Outer Banks of North Carolina is growing at a rapid pace, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Currituck County and the Northern Dare County Outer Banks; and

**WHEREAS**, the only means of ingress and egress to the northern Outer Banks is along the two lane highway designated as Highway 12; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer months, thousands of vehicles use Highway 12 along the northern Outer Banks, resulting in increased traffic congestion and significant traffic delays, especially on Saturdays and Sundays when visitors are coming to and leaving the northern Outer Banks, which conditions are greatly exacerbated during hurricane evacuations; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to insure the safety of visitors and residents of the northern Outer Banks, a mid Currituck Sound bridge should be considered as a means of hurricane evacuation; and

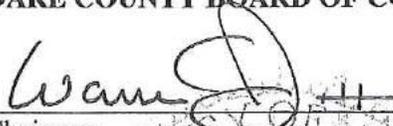
**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the potential risk to public safety, the Army Corp of Engineers at the May 8, 2002 meeting of the Currituck Sound Area Transportation Study Merger Team opposed the inclusion of hurricane evacuation as one of the purposes and needs of the mid Currituck Sound bridge project; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and safety of the visitors and residents of the northern Outer Banks during a hurricane, the Dare County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of NCDOT to include hurricane evacuation as a purpose and need for the mid Currituck Sound bridge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dare County Board of Commissioners at its July 1, 2002 meeting adopted this resolution in support of the efforts of NCDOT to include hurricane evacuation as a purpose and need for the mid Currituck Sound bridge project.

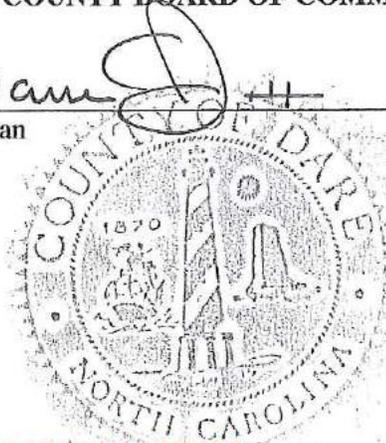
Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2002.

**DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
Chairman

Attest

  
Clerk



LAND OF BEGINNINGS

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Currituck Outer Banks of North Carolina is growing at a rapid pace, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Currituck Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the only means of ingress and egress to the Currituck Outer Banks is along the two lane highway designated as Highway 12; and

WHEREAS, during the summer months, thousands of vehicles use Highway 12 along the northern Outer Banks, resulting in increased traffic congestion and significant traffic delays, especially on Saturdays and Sundays when visitors are coming to and leaving the northern Outer Banks, which conditions are greatly exacerbated during hurricane evacuations; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure the safety of visitors and residents of the northern Outer Banks, a Currituck mid-county bridge should be considered as a means of hurricane evacuation; and

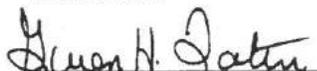
WHEREAS, notwithstanding the potential risk to public safety, the Army Corp of Engineers at the May 8, 2002 meeting of the Currituck Sound Area Transportation Study Merger Team opposed the inclusion of hurricane evacuation as one of the purposes and needs of the Currituck mid-county bridge project; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the visitors and residents of the Currituck Outer Banks during a hurricane, Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of NCDOT to include hurricane evacuation as a purpose and need for the Currituck mid-county bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners at its July 22, 2002 meeting adopted this resolution in support of the efforts of NCDOT to include hurricane evacuation as a purpose and need for the Currituck mid-county bridge project.

ADOPTED this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2002.

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Tatem, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

  
Gene A. Gregory,  
Chairman



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Currituck County continues to be the gateway into northeastern North Carolina and Outer Banks for over 7 million visitors every year; and

**WHEREAS**, this number continues to grow, and a responsive transportation system is critical for safety and the county's future development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the County's priorities for inclusion in the 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program during its regular meeting on November 19, 2001; and

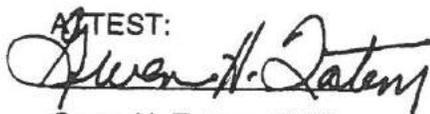
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation include the following projects in the 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program:

1. Construction of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge and intersection with improvements at US 158/NC 168 and NC 12 that will minimize impacts to residents as well as to the natural and built environment while still accomplishing the transportation and services objectives of the County.
2. Upgrade the Dare County intersection at US 158 and NC 12, and four lane NC 12 from the Dare County line north to its terminus.
3. Construction of turning lanes at the intersection of NC 168 and US 158. Design and construction should minimize the impacts to the Barco community to the greatest extent possible while addressing traffic flow and safety issues.
4. Four lane US 158 from Barco to US 17 as part of the plan to four lane this corridor to I-95 in Roanoke Rapids.

5. Funding for stabilizing the canal bank/shoreline along, and repairs to, Waterlily Road (SR 1142).
6. Widening of Tulls Creek Road (SR 1222) through Moyock to NC 168.
7. At the Currituck County Airport, provide funding for the environmental assessment for the improvements defined in the Airport Master Plan, a 1,500-foot runway extension, a terminal building, and an Automated Weather Observation System.
8. Fund necessary improvements on Survey Road (SR 1215) to accommodate the new middle school at Moyock.
9. Funding to support public mass transit for the Currituck Outer Banks.
10. Cooperate with the County in the construction of a new visitor center and rest stop complex south of Barco but north of proposed Mid-County Bridge.
11. Utilize Special Events funding to Landscape US 158 for the First Flight Centennial.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001.

  
J. Owen Etheridge, Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Gwen H. Tatem, CMC  
Clerk to the Board



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### RESOLUTION WIDENING OF NC 12

WHEREAS, the Currituck County beaches have become increasingly popular and seasons grow longer, the demands on NC 12 have become greater; and

WHEREAS, our beaches will become more accessible when the Highway 168 widening projects in Virginia are completed, which will compound the problems we are currently experiencing on NC 12; and

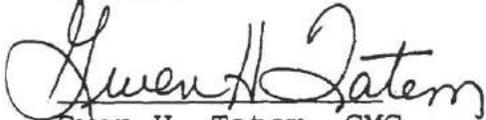
WHEREAS, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners has gone on record and has unanimously adopted several resolutions supporting the Mid-County Bridge and widening of NC 12.

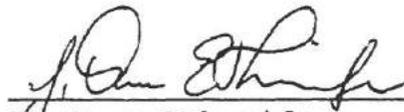
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners feels it very imperative that the Currituck Mid-County Bridge and the widening of NC 12 are a priority with the Department of Transportation and that these critical projects be planned and constructed.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Secretary of Transportation, Lyndo Tippett, Senator Marc Basnight, and Paul Waff, Board of Transportation Member.

ADOPTED on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Tatem, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

  
Owen Etheridge  
Chairman



## COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Currituck County continues to be the gateway into northeastern North Carolina for millions of visitors very year; and

**WHEREAS**, this number continues to grow and a responsive transportation system is critical for safety and the county's future development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners reviewed the County's priorities for inclusion in the 2001 Transportation Improvement Program during its regular meeting on December 4, 2000.

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED** that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation include the following projects in the 2001 Transportation Improvement Program:

1. Construction of the Currituck Mid-County Bridge along an alignment that will minimize impacts on mainland and outer banks residents while still accomplishing the objectives of the bridge. Include a fly-over at the new Currituck Mid-County Bridge to US 158/NC 168.
2. Construction of turning lanes at the intersection of NC 168 and US 158. Design and construction should minimize the impacts to the Barco community to the greatest extent possible while addressing traffic flow and safety issues.
3. At the Currituck County Airport provide funding for environmental studies and for the improvements defined in the Airport Master Plan including apron expansion, 1,000-foot runway extension, parallel taxiway, terminal building, additional hangars, and non-directional radio beacon.
4. Four laning US 158 from Barco to Elizabeth City.

5. Four laning NC 12 from the Dare County line north to its terminus.
6. Funding for stabilizing the canal bank/shoreline along and repairs to Waterlily Road (SR 1142).
7. Utilize Special Events funding to Landscape US 158 for the First Flight Centennial.
8. Widening of Tulls Creek Road (SR 1222) through Moyock to NC 168.
9. Funding to support public mass transit for the Currituck Outer Banks.
10. Funding to improve traffic flow on the southern mainland by upgrading the intersection at US 158 and NC 12 in Dare County.
11. Fund necessary improvements on Survey Road (SR 1215) to accommodate the new middle school at Moyock.

ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

  
J. Owen Etheridge, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Gwen H. Tatem, CMC  
Clerk to the Board



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*Resolution 00.04.08*

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES IN SUPPORT OF A MID-CURRITUCK SOUND BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the construction of a Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge between Mainland Currituck County and the Northern Outer Banks has been studied and discussed for many years as to need an appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, the increasing pace of construction and the growing density of completed homes on the northern end of the Outer Banks in Currituck County accentuate the need for such a northern bridge connection to the mainland; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned residential construction strains our resources as it brings an ever increasing tide of Northern Outer Banks traffic through Dare County to and from the Wright Memorial Bridge crossing; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a northern bridge connection to the mainland severely hampers the ability of Currituck County to provide various types of emergency and educational services in a timely and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the only emergency evacuation route from the beaches of Currituck County is NC Route 12 which not only poses a serious safety problem for the residents and vacationers in that area but is also a complicating factor in an emergency evacuation of Dare County and the affected Towns in Dare County; and

WHEREAS, previously ordered evacuations have caused delays of up to four (4) hours to depart the northern beaches of Currituck County because there is only one way out.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores strongly urges the State of North Carolina, through the Department of Transportation, to move forward as rapidly as possible and with high priority, for the planning and construction of a Mid-Currituck Sound Bridge from Mainland Currituck County to the Northern Outer Banks.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000.

ATTEST:

*Carmie Jordan*  
Town Clerk

*Paul Sutherland*  
Mayor

## **Southern Shores to Participate in Mid-Currituck Bridge Case**

### ***The City will file an amicus curiae brief in support of the project***

At its May 3 meeting, the Southern Shores City Council previously announced that it will file a “friend of the court” amicus brief in support of the Mid-Currituck Bridge as part of ongoing litigation over the project. The Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) has been waging a legal battle to block the bridge, and according to City Manager Cliff Ogburn, Southern Shores now has until June 13 to file its brief opposing the bridge’s position.

The SELC filed the lawsuit on behalf of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and a group called No Mid-Currituck Bridge. It appears that the actual decision by the Southern Shores Council to initiate the litigation was made during a closed session of their April 14 meeting.

The decision to enter the case is the latest and clearest example of recent efforts by Dare County municipalities to build momentum toward construction of the proposed five-mile toll bridge from the Currituck Mainland to the Currituck Outer Banks that aims, among other things, to alleviate summer traffic congestion.

Those efforts have included the recent passage of resolutions in favor of the bridge by several Dare County cities, county commissioners, and the Dare County Board of Tourism.

Last December, Judge Louise Wood Flanagan of the US District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina ruled against SELC’s lawsuit to halt the bridge project. However, that ruling came on the heels of an NCDOT announcement that the bridge would be delayed two years due to litigation, moving the bridge’s construction start date forward to at least 2025.

On January 31 of this year, the SELC filed an appeal requesting that the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit declare the 2012 NCDOT analysis prepared for the bridge as “illegal and obsolete.” And on April 5, SELC filed its opening briefs with that court.