
The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization serves as the intergovernmental organization for local elected officials, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and residents of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender Counties to work cooperatively to address transportation issues.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS
AUTHORITY'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2021 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND A NEW NORTH GATE AT THE PORT OF
WILMINGTON**

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

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority owns and operates an ocean port terminal in Wilmington, North Carolina in New Hanover County and the operation of such a terminal is a tremendous catalyst for economic growth and development throughout North Carolina and the region; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority's contributed more than \$15.4 billion in annual economic contribution to the state's economy constituted by goods moving through the port facilities and supported 87,700 full-time jobs at North Carolina businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority strategic plan forecasts a doubling of general terminal and container volumes at the Port of Wilmington over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, in order to service existing customers and accommodate growing volumes at the Port of Wilmington, a new gate complex is needed; and

WHEREAS, this investment will allow provide for a new port gate complex away from residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this investment will provide reduce truck and rail conflicts within the terminal; and

WHEREAS, this investment will increase capacity through this growing economic hub has a dual benefit to in-terminal efficiency and outside of terminal congestion reduction; and

WHEREAS, this investment will decrease traffic congestion and improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure ROI as well as deliver environmental benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority is preparing a grant application for the United States Department of Transportation's FY2021 Port Infrastructure Development grant program to fund a new north gate at the Port of Wilmington.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization hereby supports the container gate improvements at the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 11th day of June 2021.

BY:



Frank Williams, CFRPO RTAC Chair

ATTEST:



Patrick Flanagan, CFRPO RTAC Secretary