

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS  
AUTHORITY'S GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2022 REBUILDING AMERICAN  
INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE),  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECUILDING AMERICAN (INFRA), AND PORT  
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (PID) GRANT PROGRAMS TO FUND A NEW  
INTERMODAL FACILITY AT THE PORT OF WILMINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; 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 container volumes to grow 50 percent at the Port of Wilmington over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, 50,000 containers are projected to arrive or depart the Port of Wilmington via intermodal rail over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, to service existing customers and accommodate growing rail volumes at the Port of Wilmington, a new intermodal facility is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the project supports North Carolina's core industry segments including furniture, forest products, pork and poultry, apparel, and textiles; and

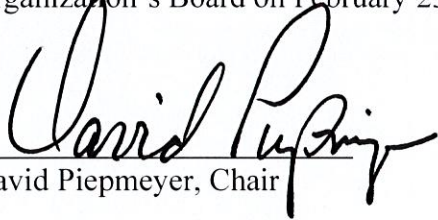
**WHEREAS**, this investment will increase capacity through this growing economic hub has a dual benefit to in-terminal efficiency and outside of terminal congestion reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, this investment will reduce future truck congestion and improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment as well as deliver environmental benefits to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina State Ports Authority is preparing grant applications for the United States Department of Transportation's FY2022 RAISE, INFRA, and PID grant programs to fund the new intermodal facility at the Port of Wilmington.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby supports the North Carolina State Ports Authority's efforts to secure these grants to fund a new intermodal facility at the Port of Wilmington.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on February 23, 2022.



David Piepmeyer, Chair



Mike Kozlosky, Secretary