

The Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization is a voluntary organization of local governments in Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender Counties, North Carolina, which have entered into a compact to provide for the regional planning.

**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 REBUILDING AMERICAN (INFRA), AND**
- **PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (PID)**

**GRANT PROGRAMS TO FUND A NEW INTERMODAL FACILITY
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 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 ROI 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 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization hereby supports the new intermodal facility at the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 18th day of February 2022.

BY:



Frank Williams, CFRPO RTAC Chair

ATTEST:



Patrick Flanagan, CFRPO RTAC Secretary