



A Resolution in Support of Sufficient Funding to Meet North Carolina's Transportation Needs

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WHEREAS, A comprehensive transportation system, inclusive of highways, rail, transit, ports and airports is essential to our state's economy as well as the preservation and enhancement of citizens' quality of life;

WHEREAS, Well-maintained highways and bridges are the arteries that enable commerce across the state and nation and improve the level of safety for roadway users;

WHEREAS, A comprehensive and efficient transportation system relieves congestion in urban areas, fosters economic development in underdeveloped areas and expedites the delivery of goods and services in all areas;

WHEREAS, North Carolina depends on a sound transportation infrastructure to encourage tourism, whose economic impact is more than \$14 billion spent annually by more than 60 millions visitors;

WHEREAS, The state's population is projected to increase by 50 percent by 2030, creating additional demands on transportation system that is already under capacity;

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Transportation has acknowledged a \$65 billion shortfall between funding and needs over the next 25 years;

WHEREAS, Deteriorating highways, reduced transit options, overburdened ports and airports and congested roadways result from under investment;

WHEREAS, Those substandard conditions will have a long-lasting detrimental impact on our State's future economy and safety of the traveling public; and,

WHEREAS, The 2007 Regular Session of the NC General Assembly failed to include any new transportation funding in the state budget or through specific enabling legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the undersigned organizations urge the Governor and the leadership of both the House and Senate to call a special session of the General Assembly to immediately address the shortfall in funding necessary to support and maintain a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system; and, that the General Assembly adopt and the Governor sign legislation providing for a sufficient and sustainable funding resource to meet current, and address future, transportation needs throughout the State.

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Carolina
The Charlotte Chamber
North Carolina Economic Developers Association
The Highway 17 Association
North Carolina League of Municipalities**

**North Carolina Metropolitan Coalition
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Professional Engineers of North Carolina
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