RESOLUTION 2023-74

WAKE FOREST SUPPORT OF A STUDY TO ACCELERATE THE UPGRADE OF US 1 BETWEEN I-540 AND FRANKLIN COUNTY TO A MULTIMODAL FREEWAY USING TOLL REVENUE

WHEREAS, US 1 is a vital connection through Wake Forest; and,

WHEREAS, continued congestion has affected the corridor from a traffic movement and economic development perspective; and,

WHEREAS, upgrades to this corridor have been discussed since the 1990s; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2023 NCDOT voted to remove segments B-D from the STIP; and,

WHEREAS, lack of funding and reprioritization at the state level continues to delay addressing the traffic issues along the corridor; and,

WHEREAS, traffic congestion along this corridor will continue to worsen affecting quality of life, job creation and growth of the tax base; and,

WHEREAS, an alternate approach using toll roads should be explored to understand the impact on US 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wake Forest hereby supports and encourages the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Board to request the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority study the upgrade of US 1 between I-540 and Franklin County to a multimodal freeway using toll revenue.

Duly adopted this 21st Day of November 2023.

(ATTEST)

Vivian A. Jones, Mayor

Theresa Savary, Town Clerk