CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF AN INTERSTATE DESIGNATED HIGHWAY BETWEEN RALEIGH AND GREENVILLE Future Interstate Designation on US 264 Resolution of Support

WHEREAS – The <u>Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization</u> maintains responsibility for regional transportation planning in Wake and portions of Franklin Counties; and

WHEREAS – Designating the portion of the US 264 freeway between US 64 and I-95, continuing to Greenville, as Interstate would enhance nationwide travel by providing an Interstate freeway designation between Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, and I-95, the gateway to the northeastern States, and Greenville, home to a major university and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS – Designating the portion of the US 264 freeway between US 64 and I-95 as Interstate would enhance economic development opportunities for communities large and small throughout the region by allowing businesses to market their proximity to the Interstate System and their direct interstate connection to Interstate 95; and

WHEREAS - Designating the portion of the US 264 freeway between I-440 and I-95 as Interstate would provide enhanced mobility for freight between the economic engines in the Triangle Region and the major destinations along I-95 to the north and south.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning **Organization** supports NCDOT's request for the designation of US 264 freeway in central and eastern North Carolina as a Future Interstate corridor between US 64 (east Raleigh) and US 264/Greenville Bypass (Greenville). Signed this ____ day of _____, 2016. Dick Sears, Chair Chris Lukasina, Executive Director Capital Area MPO Executive Board Capital Area MPO County of Wake State of North Carolina I, Valorie D. Lockehart, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of ______, 20 ____. (Official Seal) Notary Public My commission expires February 17, 2021.