

**CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CREATION OF AN INTERSTATE
DESIGNATED HIGHWAY BETWEEN RALEIGH AND ROCKY MOUNT
Interstate x95 (e.g. I-495) resolution**

WHEREAS – The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization applauds the North Carolina Department of Transportation for their accelerated completion of the US 64/264 freeway bypass around Knightdale; and

WHEREAS – Wake County – the second-largest county in the state and the home of the state capital -only possesses a single two-digit east-west interstate route (I-40) within its borders and no direct Interstate connections between either the I-85 or I-95 north-south freeways for northbound travel; and

WHEREAS – The completion of the US 64/264 freeway bypass this summer will create – for the first time – a direct freeway connection between Raleigh (over 300,000 population in the city limits alone) at I-440 and Interstate 95 at Rocky Mount (over 60,000 population in the city limits, with MSA population exceeding 100,000); and

WHEREAS – Designating the portion of the US 64 freeway between I-440 and I-95 as Interstate would enhance nationwide travel by providing a single Interstate freeway designation between Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, and I-95, the gateway to the northeastern States; and

WHEREAS – Designating the portion of the US 64 freeway between I-440 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 64 freeway between I-440 and I-95 as Interstate would minimize confusion for both leisure and business travelers from the northeastern US to Raleigh (e.g., in the absence of an Interstate designation serving as the primary route sign from I-95 to Raleigh, there is the real potential for confusion between US 64 in northern North Carolina and I-64 in southern Virginia); and

WHEREAS – Designating the portion of the US 64 freeway between I-440 and I-95 as Interstate would create an Interstate designation for completed freeway portions of High Priority Corridor 13 (Raleigh-Norfolk), listed in Section 1105(c) of ISTEA;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization requests the designation of portions of the US 64 freeway in central and eastern North Carolina as an Interstate corridor, or at a minimum a “future Interstate corridor,” between I-440 (east Raleigh) and I-95 (at Rocky Mount). Signed this ___ day of _____, 2005

Joe Bryan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Ed Johnson, Capital Area MPO Director
Transportation Advisory Committee Clerk

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(CONTINUED)**

County of Wake
State of North Carolina

I, Shae F. Satterwhite, 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 April 19, 2008.