

CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A RESOLUTION STATING THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S POSITION ON THE SPECIAL FUNDING PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET FOR FY 2005-2006 DIRECTING NCDOT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING ROADWAY FACILITY IN WAKE COUNTY LINKING US 70 AND LEESVILLE ROAD (NC Session Law 2005-276 Sec. 28.23(b))

A motion was made by Mayor _____ and seconded by Mayor _____ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted by unanimous vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee of the N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for developing a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) that directs the expenditure of all State and federal transportation funds in region; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee has followed a thoughtful and defined process to develop the MTIP, and this process has been carried out in cooperation with the City of Raleigh, other MPO member jurisdictions, NCDOT and meets all the related State, federal and MPO regulations and policies; and,

WHEREAS, the most important goal of this process is to consider national, State, regional and local transportation priorities and allocate the limited resources to implement and construct the most important transportation projects and systems; and,

WHEREAS, the State's transportation equity formula recently reduced the allocation to NCDOT Division 5 for fiscal years 2006-2012 by more than \$300 million – the City of Raleigh is part of Division 5; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this funding reduction, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted a FY2006-2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that removed or delayed construction funding or failed to provide state matching funding for the MPO's highest priority transportation projects, including improvements to Raleigh Signal System, I-40, I-440, I-540, US 70, and US 401, and the construction of the Falls of Neuse realignment; and,

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2005 the Raleigh City Council approved a resolution expressing support for the construction of the T.W. Alexander Drive Extension from US 70 to Leesville Road, including the commitment to provide as much as \$1 million in construction funding assistance for this project, contingent upon the project sponsors securing special state funding that would not be subject N.C. General Assembly's highway funding distribution equity formula, this not negatively affecting other current and higher priority projects; and

WHEREAS, the State budget for FY 2005-2006 approved on August 13, 2005 (NC Session Law 2005-276 Sec. 28.23(b) on page 272) includes a special provision that directs NCDOT to build the extension of T.W. Alexander Drive using existing funding sources subject to the state's highway funding distribution equity formula for Highway Division 5, thereby further reducing funding for the MPO's current and high-priority unfunded TIP projects, thus circumventing the cooperative TIP development process that the MPO, the City of Raleigh, and other member jurisdictions have carefully carried out.

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A RESOLUTION STATING THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S POSITION ON THE SPECIAL FUNDING PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET FOR FY 2005-2006 DIRECTING NCDOT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING ROADWAY FACILITY IN WAKE COUNTY LINKING US 70 AND LEESVILLE ROAD (NC Session Law 2005-276 Sec. 28.23(b)) (CONTINUED)

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization requests that the North Carolina General Assembly:

1. Recognize the responsibility and authority of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, of which the City of Raleigh is a member, to identify transportation priorities and allocate the limited resources to the highest priority projects; and,
2. Demonstrate this recognition by eliminating the special budget provision from the 2005-2006 budget (Sec. 28.23(b)) that directs the NCDOT to construct an extension of T.W. Alexander Drive linking US 70 to Leesville Road.

Adopted this the 21st day of September, 2005

Joe Bryan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Ed Johnson, Capital Area MPO Director
Transportation Advisory Committee Clerk

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.

RESOLUTION NO. (2005) 649

A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF RALEIGH'S POSITION ON THE SPECIAL FUNDING PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET FOR FY 2005-2006 DIRECTING NCDOT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING ROADWAY FACILITY IN WAKE COUNTY LINKING US 70 AND LEESVILLE ROAD (NC Session Law 2005-276 Sec. 28.23(b))

A motion was made by Mayor Meeker and seconded by Mr. Crowder for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted by unanimous vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh recognizes that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for developing a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) that directs the expenditure of all State and federal transportation funds in region; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee has followed a thoughtful and defined process to develop the MTIP, and this process has been carried out in cooperation with the City of Raleigh, other MPO member jurisdictions, NCDOT and meets all the related State, federal and MPO regulations and policies; and,

WHEREAS, the most important goal of this process is to consider national, State, regional and local transportation priorities and allocate the limited resources to implement and construct the most important transportation projects and systems; and,

WHEREAS, the State's transportation equity formula recently reduced the allocation to NCDOT Division 5 for fiscal years 2006-2012 by more than \$300 million – the City of Raleigh is part of Division 5; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this funding reduction, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted a FY2006-2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that removed or delayed construction funding or failed to provide state matching funding for the MPO's highest priority transportation projects, including improvements to Raleigh Signal System, I-40, I-440, I-540, US 70, and US 401, and the construction of the Falls of Neuse realignment; and,

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2005 the Raleigh City Council approved a resolution expressing support for the construction of the T.W. Alexander Drive Extension from US 70 to Leesville Road, including the commitment to provide as much as \$1 million in construction funding assistance for this project, contingent upon the project sponsors securing special state funding that would not be subject N.C. General Assembly's highway funding distribution equity formula, this not negatively affecting other current and higher priority projects; and

WHEREAS, the State budget for FY 2005-2006 approved on August 13, 2005 (NC

Session Law 2005-276 Sec. 28.23(b) on page 272) includes a special provision that directs NCDOT to build the extension of T.W. Alexander Drive using existing funding sources subject to the state's highway funding distribution equity formula for Highway Division 5, thereby further reducing funding for the MPO's current and high-priority unfunded TIP projects, thus circumventing the cooperative TIP development process that the MPO, the City of Raleigh, and other member jurisdictions have carefully carried out.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Raleigh requests that the North Carolina General Assembly:

1. Recognize the responsibility and authority of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, of which the City of Raleigh is a member, to identify transportation priorities and allocate the limited resources to the highest priority projects; and,
2. Demonstrate this recognition by eliminating the special budget provision from the 2005-2006 budget (Sec. 28.23(b)) that directs the NCDOT to construct an extension of T.W. Alexander Drive linking US 70 to Leesville Road.

Adopted: September 6, 2005

Charles Meeker
Mayor, City of Raleigh

STATE of: North Carolina
COUNTY of: Wake

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, North Carolina do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me on the ____ day of _____, 2005 to affix his signature to the foregoing document.

Notary Public