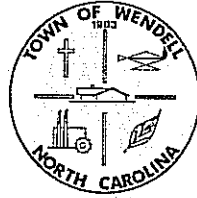


TOWN OF WENDELL



NORTH CAROLINA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ALIGNMENT OF
WENDELL FALLS PARKWAY WITH RICHARDSON ROAD
AND
RICHARDSON ROAD/POOLE ROAD WITH EAGLE ROCK ROAD

WHEREAS, planning for the town's future roadway system, the Town of Wendell recognizes the need for an interchange to be constructed at Eagle-Rock Road as indicated by NCDOT and CAMPO; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the interchange is indicated on the 2030 Long Range Transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT and CAMPO were asked to partner with Mercury Development to build the proposed interchange on right-of-way NCDOT has previously purchased for construction of the interchange; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT indicated it did not currently have the funds to construct the interchange; and

WHEREAS, CAMPO staff indicated that it would not support a public/private partnership for the construction of the interchange; and

WHEREAS, Mercury Development indicated that it would construct the interchange, at their cost, on a location already purchased and owned by NCDOT without public funding sources from NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, the alignment of the proposed parkway is consistent with Wake County's Thoroughfare Plan; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Boulevard is exceeding the Trips per Day it was designed to carry; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has indicated it does not have the funds to make needed improvements to Wendell Boulevard to improve vehicular access from the town to the 64 Bypass; and

WHEREAS, Wendell recognizes the need for additional east/west routes between the town and 64 Bypass; and

WHEREAS, the town recognizes the need for a roadway system in which traffic can access the US 64 Bypass from areas to the south and east of Wendell, via the proposed Eagle-Rock Road Interchange; and

WHEREAS, the parkway will consist of one hundred and fifty feet of right-of-way, a tree lined median and four lanes for a distance of 1.7 miles at no cost to NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Falls Parkway, will be located within Mercury Development's Wendell Falls Project, and connect to Richardson Road; and

WHEREAS, Richardson Road is currently unpaved with no current plans by NCDOT to make road improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mercury Development will make road improvements to include paving of Richardson Road; and

WHEREAS, the alignment as indicated by Mercury Development, has less stream crossings and environmental impacts than the alignment proposed in the 2030 LRTP, and

WHEREAS, Mercury Development's proposed alignment allows for the future construction of Wendell's Southern Bypass as indicated on the 2030 LRTP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Wendell Board of Commissioners supports the connection of Wendell Falls Parkway with the existing Richardson Road; and
2. The Town of Wendell Board of Commissioners supports, as a long range plan, the connection of Richardson Road with Eagle Rock Road for the purpose of providing a roadway system for traffic from Johnston County to access the US 64 Bypass, via the proposed Eagle-Rock Road Interchange.

ADOPTED by the Town of Wendell Board of Commissioners, while in regular session, this the 10th day of April, 2006.

TIMOTHY A. HINNANT, Mayor

Attest:

Timothy C. Burgess, Town Clerk