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Dear David,

The members of the Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee would like to express our appreciation to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) for its efforts to date exploring the feasibility of constructing the I-540 Western Wake Freeway, including the Triangle Parkway, as a toll road. Based on the findings of the preliminary traffic and revenue studies, the Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) is hereby requesting that the NCTA proceed further by undertaking the investment-grade financial feasibility study for the Triangle Parkway and the Western Wake Freeway. Additionally, CAMPO requests that the NCTA undertake the necessary environmental documentation and additional design work to ensure that both projects will be prepared to proceed to construction expeditiously if the findings of the investment grade study are favorable and a sound financial plan is developed that CAMPO can support.

Further, CAMPO requests that the NCTA initiate environmental studies on the Southern Wake Freeway and investigate all feasible financing options for its construction as a toll road at the earliest possible future date. We also urge the NCTA Board to work with the NC General Assembly to identify potential sources of new revenue that could be used to fill the financing "gap" needed to complete this project and the remainder of the entire I-540 system, including the feasibility of tolling the section of I-540 currently under construction between NC 54 and NC 55.

Sincerely,

Joe Bryan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee
N.C Capital Area MPO