

**RESOLUTION BY THE [REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE /
_____ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / ETC] IN SUPPORT OF A RECURRING
STATE GAP FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR TURNPIKES TO ACCELERATE
FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE TRIANGLE**

- WHEREAS, Tolls do not pay for the entire cost of a new turnpike freeway, although they will pay upwards of 70% of the cost of I-540 / Western Wake and Triangle Parkway proposed freeways in the Triangle; and
 - WHEREAS, the completion of our freeway system is essential for ensuring the long-term viability of the economic and jobs engine that is Research Triangle Park and the Triangle region; and
 - WHEREAS, the Triangle has demonstrated its commitment to gap funding in 2006 by supporting Senate Bill 1381 which will provide more than \$100m in gap funding for I-540/Triangle Parkway; and
 - WHEREAS the Research Triangle Foundation has been planning for the Triangle Parkway for more than half a century, and has reserved the bulk of the needed right-of-way for this freeway inside Research Triangle Park; and
 - WHEREAS the State would receive a new \$800 million freeway network in the heart of the Triangle for a much smaller recurring State gap funding commitment.
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- **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the [REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE / _____ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / ETC] urges the State to provide the necessary recurring State gap funding commitment, exempt from the State allocation formula, in order to support the construction of both I-540/Western Wake and Triangle Parkway as proposed turnpikes and encourage the success of the State's Turnpike program.
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- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the [REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE / _____ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE] urges the State to expedite that commitment to the Turnpike Authority in order to minimize inflation-related costs and uncertainty.