

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED EASTERN WAKE EXPRESSWAY
NCDOT TIP PROJECT R-2829**

WHEREAS, the completion of the Raleigh Outer Loop is essential for ensuring long-term economic vitality and mobility in and around the City of Raleigh, Wake County, and the greater Triangle Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern Wake Expressway is a major segment of the Raleigh Outer Loop, which proposes to extend Interstate 540 south of the US 64 Bypass to I-40 at the US 70 Bypass near the Johnston County line; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Eastern Wake Expressway is an element of the transportation plans for the City of Raleigh, the Town of Garner, and Wake County; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Eastern Wake Expressway is an adopted element of the air quality conforming Capital Area MPO 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Eastern Wake Expressway is currently included in NCDOT's adopted 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Program as an unfunded project (TIP Project R-2829); and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) necessary for this project has not been fully initiated, nor does NCDOT plan to complete it within the next seven years; and,

WHEREAS, there is no preliminary corridor established for the proposed Eastern Wake Expressway that can be protected from, or reserved by, private and public development; and,

WHEREAS, in an absence of formal corridor protection or a completed EIS, new development encroachment in this area may impact the location of the freeway corridor and the cost of future right-of-way acquisition, or it may subsequently jeopardize the constructability of the freeway.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Capital Area MPO requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation files for corridor protection of the Eastern Wake Expressway pursuant to the provisions of General Statute Chapter 136, Article 2E, "Transportation Corridor Official Map Act."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Capital Area MPO urges the North Carolina Department of Transportation to expedite development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Eastern Wake Expressway (TIP Project R-2829), and to include Capital Area MPO members as stakeholders in the EIS development process.

Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Joe Bryan

Capital Area MPO Director
Ed Johnson, P.E.

County of Wake
State of North Carolina

I, Diane Wilson, 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)

Diane Wilson, Notary Public

My commission expires January 26, 2011.