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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONALLY SIGNFICANT HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations exist to serve as intergovernmental organizations with the purpose of addressing transportation needs and prioritizing improvement projects for assisting the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) with developing a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations (hereafter known as the Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition or Coalition), who represent the thirteen counties within North Carolina's Eastern Region, have united together to identify the most critical highway needs to enhance regional mobility; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has identified that long-term economic sustainability in eastern North Carolina is dependent on improving mobility and enhancing connectivity among the region's critical military installations, ports and other regionally significant assets; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has identified six key highway projects that will improve mobility and facilitate growth and prosperity throughout eastern North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the <ORGANIZATION> supports the efforts of the Coalition, and encourages the NCDOT to expedite the construction of the following highway projects:

Urban Loop Project:

- Greenville Southwest Bypass, R-2250
  The Greenville Southwest Bypass is an eleven-mile freeway facility that will connect US 264 to NC 11, improving mobility for the Greenville metropolitan area and increasing regional connectivity.

SPOT Projects

1. Slocum Gate, R-5516, SPOT ID: 786
   The Slocum Gate project will improve US 0 at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Gate in Havelock to enhance access to the base and reduce congestion on US 70.

2. Kinston Bypass, R-2553, SPOT ID: 128
   The Kinston Bypass is a proposed freeway facility along US 70 between

LaGrange and Dover that will enhance the safety and efficiency of US 70 in Kinston.

3. NC 11/241/24 Connector, SPOT ID: 125
   The NC 11/241/24 project will consist of a Pink Hill bypass, upgrading NC 241, and a northern NC 24 bypass of Beulaville. This freeway facility will enhance connectivity between Jacksonville, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and I 95, while also improving mobility between the North Carolina Global Transpark and the Port of Wilmington. This project is a substitute for improving NC 11-903 (R-2204) and US 258 (R-2235) currently identified on the NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan.

4. Maysville Bypass, R-2514B, SPOT ID: 108
   The Maysville Bypass is a proposed freeway that will improve regional mobility within eastern North Carolina by enhancing the efficiency and safety of US 17 between Jacksonville and New Bern.

5. NC 24 Upgrade, R-2303 E & F, SPOT ID: 82 &83
   The upgrade of NC 24 between I 40 and I 95 will improve mobility between Fort Bragg and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/Marine Corps Air Station New River, while also providing greater regional connectivity to I 95.

6. Hampstead Bypass, R-3300, SPOT ID: 215
   The Hampstead Bypass will improve mobility between Jacksonville and Wilmington, while enhancing the connectivity between Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/Marine Corps Air Station New River and the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED this the XXth day of XXXXXXXX 2011

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