



**RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA MPO/RPO COALITION.**

WHEREAS, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations exist as intergovernmental transportation planning agencies that proactively address local mobility needs by providing feedback to federal and state transportation organizations on multi-modal infrastructure needs and transportation policy; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2012, an ad hoc group representing fourteen MPOs and RPOs with planning areas located east of Interstate 95 convened to resume an on-going discussion of transportation issues facing the eastern part of North Carolina, which had previously begun in October of 2011; and

WHEREAS, at the meeting, participants heard from transportation professional on emerging transportation issues that galvanized the need for collaboration to: (1) strategically address the collective transportation needs of eastern North Carolina through cooperative dialogue and regional support, (2) educate stakeholders on transportation issues and their impact on our communities, and (3) develop transportation policy recommendations that may enhance the long-term economic prosperity of eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, understanding the need for regional collaboration, representatives from each MPO and RPO verbally committed to form what has become known as the Eastern Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition and directed staff to begin formalizing the organization; and

WHEREAS, as the first step in developing the Coalition, each MPO and RPO has been asked to adopt a resolution formally recognizing the value of, and agreeing to participate in, Coalition activities on an at-will basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the XXXX MPO/RPO Technical Advisory Committee recognizes the value of, and agrees to participate in, activities of the Eastern Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition to strategically address the transportation needs of Eastern North Carolina, Educate Stakeholders on transportation issues that impact our communities and develop transportation policy recommendations to enhance the long-term economic prosperity of our region.

ADOPTED this the XX day of XX, 2012

XXXX, Secretary

Name, Chairperson
Transportation Advisory Committee
XXXX MPO/RPO

Albemarle RPO • Cape Fear RPO • Down East RPO • Eastern Carolina RPO • Goldsboro MPO
Greenville MPO • Jacksonville MPO • Lumber River RPO • Mid-Carolina RPO • Mid-East RPO
Peanut Belt RPO • Rocky Mount MPO • Upper Coastal Plain RPO • Wilmington MPO