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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Resolution In Support of Development and Maintenance of a Geographic Information System for North Carolina

Whereas, the Interagency Leadership Team (ILT), comprised often state and federal agen cies, believes that the State of North Carolina needs a tool that provides reliable, up-to-date, and complete data for collaborative and comprehensive planning efforts including transportation, land use, economic development, natural resource conservation and cultural resource protection planning; and,

Whereas, the data and information associated with State of North Carolina's current Geographic Information System (GIS) is either out of date or does not exist at all statewide; and,

Whereas, the ILT has proposed a major, focused effort to create or update 171 GIS data layers at an initial cost of $38.2 million and then maintained on a specified basis at an annual cost of $4.7 million; and,

Whereas, the benefits to be realized from implementing this project include:

1. decreased cost for planning at the local, state and federal levels;
2. improved decision-making through the availability of current and reliable data;
3. productivity gains through the use of GIS in collaborative and early planning efforts; and,

Whereas, the return on investment for the State of North Carolina is estimated to be a minimum of S50 million per year; and,

Whereas, ultimately, up-to-date and maintained GIS data layers can facilitate comprehensive and collaborative planning efforts across the state, including the delivery of transportation solutions in a timely manner while enhancing the natural and human environment and economic development potential in North Carolina; and,

Whereas, on April 25, 2006 the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce, Cultural Resources and Environment and Natural Resources sent a letter to the State Budget Officer - Office of State Budget and Management and the Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs - Office of the Governor recommending funding for the development of a shared, comprehensive, accessible GIS database for the state of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the ILT Chairman Dempsey Benton presented the ILT's proposal for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, shared Geographic Information System to the NC Board of Transportation's Environmental Planning and Policy Committee Meeting on May 31, 2006; and its meeting in Raleigh on June 1, 2006:

Now therefore the Cape Fear Area Rural Transportation Advisory Committee does hereby support the request by the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce, Cultural Resources and Environment and Natural Resources to the State Budget Officer - Office of State Budget and Management and the Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs - Office of the Governor recommending funding for the development of a shared, comprehensive, accessible GIS database for the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 19th day of January, 2007

Nelva Albury, Chairman
Cape Fear Area Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Attest:

Don Eggert, RPO Coordinator