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**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY CHANGE TO THE DESIGNATION OF ANY PORTION OF
US HIGHWAY 1, OR THE PROPOSED US 1 HIGHWAY BYPASS IN RICHMOND COUNTY
THAT WILL DIMINISH PRIORITY STATUS AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT
FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THESE
FACILITIES AS A STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Long-Range Multimodal Statewide Transportation Plan adopted by the Board of Transportation in September 2004 identified the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative as a new focus for the NCDOT to improve, protect, and better plan for a series of critical highway facilities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the formal recognition of the Strategic Highway Corridors concept confirms NCDOT's commitment to emphasize greater planning and investment in the state's highest use facilities – those facilities that play a critical role in the statewide mobility and regional connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Strategic Highway Corridors is to promote statewide economic prosperity and support the NCDOT's environmental stewardship goals; to preserve North Carolina's taxpayer investment in highway corridors; enhance major corridor mobility within and to destinations just outside North Carolina; and enhance connectivity of intrastate and interstate travel; and

WHEREAS, existing US Highway 1 and the proposed US Highway 1 Bypass in Richmond County are designated Freeways on the Strategic Highway Corridor System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Richmond County Commissioners believes that US Highway 1 is a vital transportation corridor connecting Richmond County and its municipalities to other regional and statewide market centers and thus is a key component in efforts to grow and diversify the economies of Richmond County; and

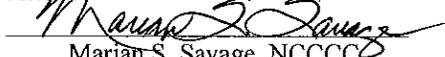
WHEREAS, the Board of Richmond County Commissioners believes removing the Strategic Highway Corridor designation of US 1 Highway will diminish the connectivity and mobility of the facility and may negatively impact future funding for currently planned construction and improvement projects on the corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Richmond County Commissioners supports the concept and purpose of the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative and the continued designation of US 1 Highway and proposed US 1 Highway Bypass as a Strategic Highway Corridor.

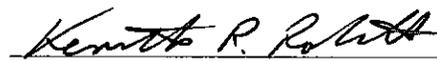
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Richmond County Commissioners opposes any change to the designation of US 1 Highway as a Freeway on the Strategic Highway Corridor System.

ADOPTED, this, the 7th day of May, 2012.

Attest


Marian S. Savage, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners




Kenneth R. Robinette, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Commissioners