

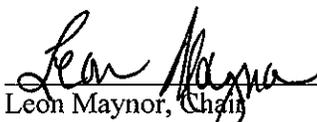
**RESOLUTION BY THE LUMBER RIVER RPO
OPPOSING ANY CHANGE TO
THE DESIGNATION OF US HIGHWAY 1
AS A STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR**

- 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 critical 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 as Freeways on the Strategic Highway Corridor System; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lumber River Rural Planning Organization 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 Lumber River Rural Planning Organization believes removing the Strategic Highway Corridor designation of US Highway 1 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 Lumber River Rural Planning Organization supports the concept and purpose of the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative and the continued designation of US Highway 1 and proposed US Highway 1 Bypass as a Strategic Highway Corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Lumber River Rural Planning Organization opposes any change to the designation of US Highway 1 as a Freeway on the Strategic Highway Corridor System.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2012.



Leon Maynor, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee
Lumber River Rural Planning Organization



Janet Robertson, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee
Lumber River Rural Planning Organization