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Resolution of Opposition to Evaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly implemented the Transportation Equity Formula twenty years ago as a result of the 1989 Highway Trust Fund Law; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Formula provides a fair means to distribute the various types of transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition has requested MPOs, RPOs, municipalities, and counties to endorse resolutions supporting evaluation and revision of the Transportation Equity Formula; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that member agencies located within Eastern North Carolina would be detrimentally impacted by changes to the Transportation Equity Formula.

WHEREAS, for the more than two decades that the equity formula has been used, great strides have been made to improve the State's transportation infrastructure systems, enhancing the quality of life, encouraging economic development, facilitating the transfer of goods and services and providing modern and safe highways for all residents and visitors to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the equity formula allocates 50% of funds based on population, 25% of funds based upon percentage of mileage to complete the intrastate highway system, and 25% as an equal share distributed to address transportation needs of each region of the State; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's most populated areas receive additional funding that is not subject to the equity formula, but is dedicated to urban loops, public transportation, rail, airports and transportation needs that are unique to urban areas: and

WHEREAS, even the Federal Interstate Highway System would not have been built using a population based formula to allocate construction and maintenance funding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE **IT RESOLVED, that**

1. That the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the General Assembly to maintain the current equity formula for funding transportation needs in our State.

2. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the North Carolina Secretary of Transportation, the Division One Board of Transportation member, the Legislative Transportation Chairs and the State Legislators serving Pamlico County.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2010.

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