



Resolution to Support the Designation of US 74 between I-26 and I-85 to a Future Interstate Quality Corridor

Whereas, the need to improve US 74 to an Interstate status from Asheville to Wilmington to improve freight movement and in-state access through southern North Carolina has been identified in previous studies; and

Whereas, an Interstate quality US-74 Corridor will provide better connectivity, business planning, transportation safety, and resource efficiency from I-26 to I-85; and

Whereas, every county that borders Rutherford County (Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, McDowell, Burke, Cleveland, Cherokee SC and Spartanburg SC) has a federally designated Interstate corridor that traverses their counties; and

Whereas, local governments and businesses within the corridor collaboratively seek to build a responsive, regional economic development infrastructure to increase trade and industry and to promote opportunity recognizing that these efforts are hampered in Rutherford County due to the lack of a federal interstate designation along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's federal legislative delegation has the authority to submit legislation granting a Future US-74 Interstate status from I-26 to I-85; and

WHEREAS, because a section of Highway 74 east of Charlotte has a federal interstate designation, the section between I-26 and I-85 would require a different Interstate name.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners requests that our North Carolina federal legislative delegation submit and support federal legislation to secure a Future Interstate designation for the section of US-74 from I-26 to I-85; and,

Be it Also Further Resolved that the Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the NC Transportation Secretary and the Rutherford County State and Federal legislative delegations requesting their support; and

Be it Also Further Resolved that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners requests the support of municipalities and businesses within the corridor between I-26 and I-85 in Polk, Rutherford, and Cleveland Counties.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February 2020.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners