



# Rutherford County

## Legislation Text

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**Meeting Date: February 3, 2020**

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

**Summary:**

Rutherford County representatives recently participated in a telephone conference with several of Senator Thom Tillis' staff to discuss County priorities with one of them being the designation of a "future" interstate status for Hwy. 74. This is extremely important to Rutherford County as there is no interstate highways that traverse Rutherford County while surrounding counties (Buncombe, Henderson, Polk, Cleveland, Burke, McDowell, Cherokee SC and Spartanburg SC) do have interstate highways within their counties. Federal legislators can take action to secure at least a "future" interstate designation, which means NCDOT would have to appropriate the funds to make the improvements to get this corridor to interstate standards within 25 years. Even getting a "future" interstate designation would help Rutherford County tremendously in endeavors to attract industrial/manufacturing and commercial/retail businesses to the County.

Recognizing that a section of Hwy. 74 east of Charlotte already has an I-74 designation that runs east-west and then heads north into Virginia, the section of 74 between I-85 and I-26 will need to have a different name assigned to it.

A resolution requesting that the North Carolina federal legislative delegation submit and support federal legislation to secure a Future Interstate designation for the section of US74 from I-26 to I-85 is included for the Board's consideration.

**Budget:**

N/A

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**Recommended Motion:**

Approve resolution.