

Wilson County

RESOLUTION OF CONFIRMATION OF THE NEED FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN A COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY FOR WILSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Wilson County Government, the City of Wilson, and the Towns of Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Saratoga, Kenly, Sharpsburg, Sims, and Stantonsburg realize the significance of a county-wide comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan in replacing all previous highway thoroughfare plans and in providing guidance for all future modal travel needs, recommendations and decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization informed the North Carolina Department of Transportation that Wilson County was a top priority on its Comprehensive Planning Needs Priority List; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 City of Wilson Thoroughfare Plan is in need of reevaluation with respect to population, traffic volumes, and travel trends and growth rates in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to analyze the specific needs of the strategic highway corridors in Wilson County as designated in the North Carolina Strategic Highway Vision Plan and to recognize these strategic highway corridors in a Comprehensive Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, identifying sustainable transportation infrastructure and practices for Wilson County is key to the County's future and should be recognized within a Comprehensive Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, educating the public on general transportation and transportation alternatives is critical to developing a sustainable transportation system and should be recognized within a Comprehensive Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, with assistance from the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization, is charged with cooperatively developing a multi-modal Comprehensive Transportation Plan including all local governments and stakeholders, as well as the interests of the general public.

WHEREAS, Wilson County, the City of Wilson, and the Towns of Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Saratoga, Kenly, Sharpsburg, Sims, and Stantonsburg will coordinate and engage all appropriate stakeholders as co-participants in the transportation planning process; and

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Transportation Planning Branch and the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization, will consider ways to engage its citizenry throughout the comprehensive multi-modal transportation planning study;

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Manager, the City Manager from the City of Wilson, and the Administrators of Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Saratoga, Kenly, Sharpsburg, Sims, and Stantonsburg or their designees, are specifically responsible for participating in the regularly scheduled Comprehensive Transportation Plan team meetings and are tasked with relaying progress and information back to this body;

WHEREAS, to adopt a Comprehensive Transportation Plan, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 136 66.2, the qualifying land development plan will be a current or in-progress land development plan that will be less than 5 years old at the time of adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Wilson County Government, the City of Wilson, and the Towns of Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Saratoga, Kenly, Sharpsburg, Sims, and Stantonsburg Councils reaffirm the need for a multi-modal Transportation Plan and directs its representatives to participate and assist the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch and the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization in the comprehensive transportation planning process.

This the _____ day of _____, 2009

Wilson County Board of Commissioners

Chairman

Attested By:

Clerk to the Board