



US 70 Corridor Commission

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CAROLINA CONNECTOR INTERMODAL RAIL TERMINAL (CCX)

WHEREAS, U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina, Inc. was established as a non-profit entity representing Eastern North Carolina by partnering with member Counties Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret and local, regional and State government agencies to support initiatives enhancing safety, mobility and economic utility along the Highway 70 Corridor through land use planning, transportation improvements and economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the central focus and basic premise of the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission membership is to promote U.S. 70 as a freeway corridor with potential for Interstate Designation from I-40 in Wake County to the port at Morehead primarily for the purpose of promoting and improving economic opportunities for North Carolina's Eastern Region; and

WHEREAS, plans have been announced for the construction and development by CSX Railroad to build a major shipping hub in Johnston County in accordance with the agenda and vision of U.S. 70 Corridor Commission members to bolster economic development in the region; and

WHEREAS, the project, called the Carolina Connector, or CCX will provide vibrant, long-range economic benefits to Eastern North Carolina and will significantly impact and support our State's Transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the CCX project will serve Eastern and Central North Carolina, connecting the regions to markets across the country and globally and facilitate trucking, rail and shipping industries to move goods more efficiently; creating jobs; eliminate an estimated 717 million truck miles on NC roads, reducing congestion, improving safety; create more than \$ 20 million in savings on State Highway maintenance costs; and create approximately \$ 330 million in long-term public benefits for North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina, Inc., a long-time proponent of economic benefits to revitalize Eastern North Carolina endorses the Carolina Connector (CCX) Intermodal Terminal and strongly supports the construction of the project in Johnston County or within Eastern North Carolina to support and enhance the long-term prosperity of the Eastern Region and the State of North Carolina.

ADOPTED this the 21ST day of January, 2016.


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U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C., Inc.


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