



# US 70 Corridor Commission

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## *Resolution in Support of Build NC*

**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 Johnson, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret as well as 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 of the U.S.70 Corridor Commission understands the critical need for infrastructure investment in all regions of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has no tool to utilize the available financing capacity for transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina communities of all sizes have identified transportation projects that are critical to their communities and funding is not available for all the projects needed;

**WHEREAS**, NCDOT needs a financing tool that can be utilized to sustain current level of transportation infrastructure investment; and

**WHEREAS**, NCDOT has improved processes which has accelerated 344 projects and allowed the department to add an addition 144 projects to the 10-year plan; and

**WHEREAS**, NCDOT increased project delivery which has resulted in more jobs for contractors, engineers, builders and skilled laborers across the state, including rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Communities are benefiting from this increased level of investment in North Carolina infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Private sector partners must be able to build and sustain capacity to meet increased delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, Build NC is modeled after the successful federal GARVEE program; and

**WHEREAS**, Build NC will be able to fund projects in all 100 counties, unlike the GARVEE tool; and

**WHEREAS**, Build NC will provide stability for industry partners, support NCDOT in delivering more projects across the state, and offer a critical financing tool needed to keep North Carolina moving forward; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina fully supports Build NC and strongly requests Build NC be made into law in the 2018 General Assembly session.

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