



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE MCB4, OF THE NCTA AND FHWA AS IDENTIFIED IN THE DEIS DATED MARCH 2010

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), a division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is evaluating proposed transportation improvements in the Currituck Sound area, including the consideration of the construction of a Mid-Currituck Bridge; AND

WHEREAS, as a part of this evaluation process, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been published with the objective of providing the public and decision-makers with appropriate and relevant information to make an informed decision on which transportation improvement alternative to select for implementation; AND

WHEREAS, the DEIS includes three chapters: a Purpose of and Need for Action, Alternatives, and Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences and also includes a recommended alternative; AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed project is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; AND

WHEREAS, five detailed alternatives, identified as ER2, MCB2/C1, MCB2/C2, MCB4/C1 and MCB4/C2 plus a No-Build Alternative, are under consideration as a part of the DEIS; AND

WHEREAS, among other factors, four factors are paramount to the selection of a project alternative for implementation: 1. Minimizing impacts to communities, cultural resources, and natural resources; 2. Effectiveness in meeting the project's purpose and need; 3. Cost and affordability; and 4. The ability to meet a variety of state and federal regulatory requirements; AND

WHEREAS, based on extensive study of these four factors and the consideration of plethora of additional information, the NCTA and the FHWA have identified MCB4 as the Recommended Alternative; AND

WHEREAS, MCB4 is characterized by the construction of two-lane toll bridge across the Currituck Sound with approach roads in Currituck County, a third outbound evacuation lane on US 158 between NC 168 and the Mid-Currituck Bridge as a hurricane evacuation lane or using the existing center turn lane as a third outbound evacuation lane, adding for evacuation use only, a third outbound evacuation lane on US 158 between the Wright Memorial Bridge and NC 12 as a hurricane evacuation improvement or using the existing center turn lane as a third outbound evacuation lane and widening NC 12 to four lanes and a median in the Currituck Outer Banks from Seashell Lane to the intersection of NC 12 and Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

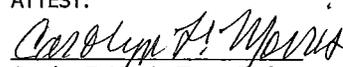
WHEREAS, MCB4 would not require additional improvements to NC 12 within the Town of Duck, including the widening of NC 12 within the Town limits, thus being less costly than other alternatives and not creating adverse impacts to the Duck Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 5th Day of May 2010, that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby support the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's (NCTA) and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) designation of MCB4 as the Recommended Alternative of the Mid-Currituck Bridge Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby encourage the NCTA, in cooperation with the FHWA, to proceed with the preparation of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Mid-Currituck Bridge Study as quickly as is practical and to begin construction of MCB4 as the preferred alternative.

Adopted this 5th day of May 2010.

ATTEST:


Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk


Robert O. Oakes, Jr., Mayor
Town of Nags Head

