

Resolution for NCDOT Policy Change on Regions

Whereas, the Outer Banks Transportation Task Force (OBTTF) was formed more than two and a half years ago as a joint collaboration among local governments, local business people, local chambers of commerce, the National Park Service, and local citizens to address urgent transportation issues in the Outer Banks portions of three counties in northeastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, this organization was officially appointed by Dare County Board of Commissioners in June 2004; and

Whereas, the OBTTF and its working committees now involve the volunteer efforts of more than 80 citizens of Currituck, Dare and Hyde counties; and

Whereas, the OBTTF is focused on finding solutions to serious congestion and mobility problems on the Outer Banks through collaboration among its members and cooperation with other transportation entities in the northeastern region of North Carolina; and

Whereas, solutions to the transportation problems on the Outer Banks will take many years to formulate and implement; and

Whereas, the OBTTF has determined that it needs to be replaced by a permanent regional organization, which focuses on its unique transportation issues; and

Whereas, this organization may initially include only those portions of three or more counties that are experiencing urgent congestion and mobility problems; and

Whereas, NCDOT policies currently do not recognize regional organizations whose membership extends to less than whole counties for purposes of federal pass-through funding decisions;

Now therefore, Dare / Currituck County, on behalf of the OBTTF, requests that the North Carolina Board of Transportation revise its policy or policies to provide for a change in definition of regional organizations which can accept federal and state transportation funding. A proposal for such a revised policy is found on the next page.

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Proposal for Change in Definition of Regional Transportation Entity

A regional transportation entity, for purposes of eligibility for federal pass-through funding, may include all or portions of two or more counties, provided however that:

1. Members of the entity share common transportation problems that differ substantially from nearby counties or from other portions of the member counties;
2. The entity includes within its mission statement and goals the intention to collaborate or cooperate with surrounding municipal, county or regional transportation entities to meet common needs, including but not limited to ride-sharing, vanpooling and public transit; and
3. The entity has an open membership provision for expanding its geographic coverage as nearby areas develop the same or similar transportation problems as the entity was formed to solve; this provision shall not be construed to require inclusion of nearby areas if such an action would cause the organization to become too large to manage effectively.