

**Resolution by the Board of Transportation on the
COLLABORATION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND
SOUTH CAROLINA ON PLANNING FOR ROUTES CROSSING
THEIR COMMON BORDER**

March 3, 2005

WHEREAS, members of the Board have met with members of the South Carolina Transportation Commission to discuss the future of Interstates 73 and 74 in both states; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges its willingness to construct Interstate 73 from Interstate 74 to the South Carolina state line in the vicinity of the Route 38 corridor between Richmond County, North Carolina and Marlboro County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Transportation Commission has acknowledged its willingness to extend South Carolina Route 31, Carolina Bays Parkway, to the North Carolina state line in order that North Carolina can connect I-74, or a connector thereof, to the Carolina Bays Parkway; and

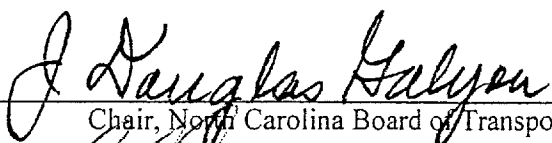
WHEREAS, the North Eastern Strategic Alliance has passed a resolution in support of the agreements between North Carolina and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is in both states' interest, for reasons of furthering economic development and prosperity in each state and enhancing safety and mobility for inter-state travel, to collaborate in the development of, and improvements to, other principal routes and corridors crossing their common border, such as Interstates 73, 74, and 20; and

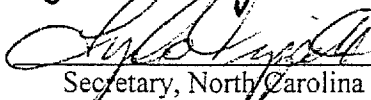
WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission, in a meeting duly assembled on February 17, 2005, approved a resolution acknowledging its intention to construct an extension of South Carolina Route 31, Carolina Bays Parkway, to the North Carolina state line to connect with either Interstate 74 or a connector to Interstate 74;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that both states will concurrently begin the process of working to advance both Interstate 73 from Rockingham, North Carolina to I-95 in South Carolina and the extension of Carolina Bays Parkway from South Carolina Route 9 in South Carolina to US 17 in North Carolina; and

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Transportation directs the staff to collaborate with the appropriate staff of the South Carolina Department of Transportation in that Department's initiation of a planning and environmental study for the Interstate 73 corridor from Interstate 95 in South Carolina to US 74 / Future Interstate 74 in Richmond County, North Carolina; and authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement between the two agencies that addresses study cost participation by the North Carolina Department of Transportation at an appropriate and proportionate level.

Signed: 
Chair, North Carolina Board of Transportation

Date: 3-3-05

Signed: 
Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation

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