

June 4, 2010

Dear X,

The (insert name of city or MPO) passed the attached Resolution of Support for the N.C. Mobility Fund.

The (insert name) sees the fund as a critical revenue source that will finance projects that reduce congestion and improve mobility in North Carolina. The Mobility Fund will help to relieve the financial burdens that projects of statewide significance place on regional transportation plans. And, equally important, every transportation dollar spent is a job saved or created.

We ask that you include the N.C. Mobility Fund in the final compromise budget. We also ask that you include three of the provisions from the Governor's Mobility Fund proposal. First, we feel it is critical to the Fund's success that you dedicate 6.5 percent of the fund for distribution to cities through the Powell Bill formula. This ensures that every community across North Carolina receives some of these new transportation dollars.

Second, we ask that you dedicate \$30 million dollars of the Mobility Fund to interstate maintenance. According to a June 2nd article in *Stateline*, "Letting a road deteriorate from excellent condition to fair condition makes it three times as costly to fix." We need to be smart about investing in our roads at a time when bids are at historical lows. Additionally, having Mobility Funds spent on our interstates will free up equity fund dollars traditionally spent on interstate maintenance to be spent elsewhere in our highway division.

Third, we ask that you include the full phase out of the transfer from the highway trust fund to the general fund with all monies going to the Mobility Fund. The citizens of North Carolina have been very clear in their desire to see all transportation revenues going to our overwhelming transportation needs.

We recognize that the early years of the Mobility Fund will be dedicated to the Yadkin River Bridge and therefore ask that the Powell Bill and Interstate Maintenance fund provisions take effect upon completion of the bridge.

We are appreciative of the inclusion of the stakeholder process for developing a prioritization process and feel this is essential to the N.C. Department of Transportation's efforts to depoliticize transportation decisions and bring more transparency to the process.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of this request.