

High Point MPO Resolution in Support of Evaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula

A motion was made by <u>Commissioner John Parks</u> and second by <u>Commissioner Darrell Frye</u> for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina legislature implemented its Transportation Equity Formula twenty years ago as a result of the 1989 Highway Trust Fund Law;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Formula does not take into consideration traffic, congestion, or air quality when spreading funds across the State;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Formula makes it difficult to fund specific significant, and costly, transportation needs such as replacing the I-85 Bridges over the Yadkin River;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is developing a new objective multi-modal project prioritization process intended to maximize mobility, safety, and infrastructure health; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Formula does not consider any of these factors in distributing transportation funds;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the <u>High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization</u> supports the efforts of the N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Coalition in asking the General Assembly to reevaluate, revise, and modify the North Carolina Transportation Equity formula to better meet the current needs of our citizens, businesses, and travelers.

Rébecca R. Smothers

Transportation Advisory Committee Chair

Witness my hand and official seal, this 24th Day of November 2009

Tabatha J'Arrante, Notary Rublic

My commission expires SII ,2010