Isothermal Planning and Development Commission  
Executive Committee

Resolution to Support the Designation of US 74 between I-26 and I-85 to a Future Interstate Quality Corridor

Whereas, the need to improve US 74 to an Interstate status from Asheville to Wilmington to improve freight movement and in-state access through southern North Carolina has been identified in previous studies; and

Whereas, an Interstate quality US-74 Corridor will provide better connectivity, business planning, transportation safety, and resource efficiency from I-26 to I-85; and

Whereas, every county that borders Rutherford County (Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, McDowell, Burke, Cleveland, Cherokee SC and Spartanburg SC) has a federally designated Interstate corridor that traverses their counties; and

Whereas, local governments and businesses within the corridor collaboratively seek to build a responsive, regional economic development infrastructure to increase trade and industry and to promote opportunity recognizing that these efforts are hampered in Rutherford County due to the lack of a federal interstate designation along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s federal legislative delegation has the authority to submit legislation granting a Future US-74 Interstate status from I-26 to I-85; and

WHEREAS, because a section of Highway 74 east of Charlotte has a federal interstate designation, the section between I-26 and I-85 would require a different Interstate name.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors requests that our North Carolina federal legislative delegation submit and support federal legislation to secure a Future Interstate designation for the section of US-74 from I-26 to I-85; and,

Be it Also Further Resolved that the Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the NC Transportation Secretary and the Rutherford County State and Federal legislative delegations requesting their support; and

Be it Also Further Resolved that the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors requests the support of municipalities and businesses within the corridor between I-26 and I-85 in Polk, Rutherford, and Cleveland Counties.

Adopted this the 13rd day of February 2020.

Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Directors