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February 17, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Clayton Town Council has adopted a resolution in full support of the completion of I-540.

Please accept this letter of support from the Town of Clayton for the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's INFRA Program to support the completion of the 540 freeway in Wake County, North Carolina.

The completion of the last portion of the Raleigh outer loop is essential for ensuring the long-term viability of the economic and jobs engine of the Triangle region. The completion of the outer loops will have great impact on jobs and congestion relief in the Clayton area.

We support the NC Turnpike Authority and efforts to accelerate the completion of 540.

Sincerely,

Adam Lindsay
Town Manager
Town of Clayton, NC



Resolution in Support of the Immediate Funding and Construction of I-540

WHEREAS, economic development, travel, employment, reduction of traffic congestion and highway safety are matters that are extremely important for the leadership, residents and businesses of the Town of Clayton, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure is critical to the economic vitality of both Clayton and Johnston County; and

WHEREAS, adequate road access is an essential part of the infrastructure necessary to support existing development, new investment, and expansion of the employment base; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clayton understands a large percentage of our residents commute to Raleigh and the Research Triangle Park area for work and would travel along the I-540 corridor; and

WHEREAS, these matters could be better served by immediate construction of I-540; and

WHEREAS, the completion of I-540 will aid in the reduction of traffic on existing highways and support the continuing growth of all communities within Johnston County.

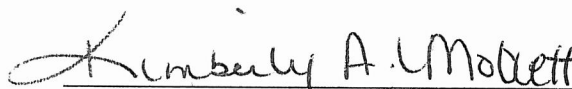
WHEREAS, the southeast Raleigh metropolitan area, including Knightdale, Garner, and Clayton are planned as growth areas. The Complete 540 Project will serve that growth upon construction and for years to come as the area continues to develop.

WHEREAS, Town of Clayton leaders believe this project will have a positive impact on reducing traffic and improving safety on Highway 42, 1-40, US 70 (Future 142), Rock Quarry Road, Smithfield Road, Eagle Rock/ Buffalo Road, and other internal roads in our area.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Clayton Town Council hereby give our full and complete support for the immediate funding and construction of I-540 as soon as possible for the economic growth and safety for all citizens of North Carolina.

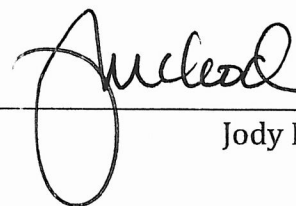
Duly adopted this the 17th day of February 2020 while in regular session.

ATTEST:



Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk





Jody L. McLeod
Mayor