

RESOLUTION
REQUEST THAT NCDOT MOVE FORWARD WITH A P3 DELIVERY PROCESS FOR THE I-77 SOUTH EXPRESS LANES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CRTPO CAN RESCIND SUPPORT AT ANY POINT UP UNTIL NCDOT ADVERTISES A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Charlotte urban area; and

WHEREAS, I-77 South is a proposed express lanes widening project from I-277 to the South Carolina state line; and

WHEREAS, the I-77 South project is included within the CRTPO’s 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CRTPO Board requested NCDOT to conduct a Comparative Analysis in February 2023 to analyze a state express lanes project delivery and a Public-Private Partnership delivery, or P3; and

WHEREAS, the I-77 South project has secured \$600 million in Statewide Mobility funding as part of NCDOT Prioritization 7.0; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has presented the final findings of the Comparative Analysis on August 21 and September 18, 2024 to the CRTPO board; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT provided a Comparative Analysis Supplemental Report on September 17, 2024 to the CRTPO Board; and

WHEREAS, the Comparative Analysis indicates that the traditional toll delivery would require between \$1.3 to \$2.7 billion in STIP funding, which is not financially feasible, therefore the project could not move forward; and

WHEREAS, the Comparative Analysis states that the \$600 million of NCDOT Prioritization 7.0 funding would likely cover the public contribution for this project for a P3 delivery; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT requires a vote of the CRTPO Board to advance the I-77 South Express Lanes project through the P3 delivery process; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT will continue to partner with the CRTPO Board to define objectives and priorities prior to advertisement of a procurement; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT will provide routine updates to the CRTPO Board on key contract terms that are informed by the region’s objectives and priorities prior to procurement advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the CRTPO Board can rescind support of the P3 delivery method until NCDOT publicly advertises a Request for Qualifications (RFQ); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization authorizes NCDOT to move forward with a P3 delivery process for the I-77 Express Lanes project with the understanding that CRTPO can rescind support at any point up until NCDOT publicly advertises a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

I, Lisa Qualls, Chair of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a

meeting of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, duly held on this the 16th day of October 2024.

Lisa Qualls, Chair

Neil Burke, Secretary