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News Release

Commissioners Support Improvements on Highway 74 Corridor

October 8, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners have adopted a resolution supporting the development of an alliance of local government and business leaders to review and promote improvements to a South Economic Development Corridor from I-26 to Wilmington along the existing Highway 74 corridor.

The development of this proposed Highway 74 economic development corridor would improve commerce between western North Carolina and the Port of Wilmington and would be an important east-west corridor across the state.

The resolution states that the proposed corridor would create jobs across North Carolina in maritime, transportation, distribution, manufacturing and agriculture by providing greater access to the Port of Wilmington, the Charlotte Metropolitan area and Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, thus increasing opportunities for international trade.

The resolution also maintains the proposed corridor would create jobs in distribution, manufacturing and agriculture across Union County and all its municipalities by providing greater access along a viable multi-lane, limited access highway.

Commissioners in Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, Scotland and Gaston counties have also passed similar resolutions.

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