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Court of Appeals Upholds Ruling in Favor of NCDOT

RALEIGH – The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today in favor of the N.C. Department of Transportation and against several environmental groups, reaffirming a district court’s ruling that construction on the Monroe Expressway can continue as planned.

The Monroe Expressway project, part of Governor Pat McCrory's 25-year Transportation Vision, is designed to facilitate east-to-west highway connectivity and improve regional travel. Today’s ruling once again confirms that the 20-mile project’s environmental study is both valid and lawful. The three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the September 2015 decision of James C. Dever III, Chief United States District Court Judge.

“I want to thank the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals for its decision today,” said N.C. Transportation Secretary Nick Tennyson. “NCDOT is eager to move beyond litigation and, moving forward, focus its efforts on delivering this much-needed project to the people of North Carolina.”

The Monroe Expressway will improve capacity by providing high-speed regional travel, while maintaining access to properties along existing U.S. 74. Construction on the Monroe Expressway started in May 2015, and the project is expected to open to traffic in late 2018.

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