



**Resolution in support of the August 27, 2014 letter  
from the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization to Mr. Don Voelker, Director,  
Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT),  
North Carolina Department of Transportation,  
regarding proposed changes to the SPOT 4.0 process**

**WHEREAS**, Traffic volume increases exponentially on the Outer Banks between June and August with backups of up to five hours, and increases significantly on the shoulder seasons of March through May and September through October - the SPOT 4.0 criteria should be revised to account for seasonal traffic volume; AND

**WHEREAS**, Because seasonal volume is not a factor, our roads and highways cannot score well enough for needed improvements to ensure the safe and most efficient evacuation of all citizens - the SPOT 4.0 criteria should be revised to account for evacuation; AND

**WHEREAS**, The SPOT 3.0 weighed heavily on economic competitiveness, but the economic engine of the Outer Banks did not score as well with other year-round factors - the SPOT 4.0 criteria should be revised to recognize that some areas of the State "punch well above their weight"; AND

**WHEREAS**, The ferry system is, and always has been, an extension of the State highway system but is funded at the "Division" level and there are numerous Bike & Pedestrian, Aviation, and Transit projects also competing for limited "Division" level funds - the SPOT 4.0 criteria for placement of projects should place projects like the ferries back to "Statewide" level funding and/or increase "Division" level funding accordingly; AND

**WHEREAS**, The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO) received only 1300 local input points in SPOT 3.0, but is one of the largest RPO or MPO geographically - the SPOT 4.0 criteria should be revised to recognize geographic size, number of road miles, and seasonal population when awarding local input points; AND

**WHEREAS**, The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization is a large, diverse, and unique entity - the Albemarle RPO should have a representative on the SPOT 4.0 Working Group.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** By the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head that we fully support the August 27, 2014 letter from the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization to Mr. Don Voelker, Director, Strategic Planning Office of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation, regarding proposed changes to the SPOT 4.0 process.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

  
Robert C. Edwards, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

  
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

