

RESOLUTION 20-0505-07  
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL SUPPORTING RAIL AS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF  
NORTH CAROLINA'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in accordance with G.S. 136-251, the N.C. General Assembly finds that investment in public transportation creates economic opportunity, protects the public health by decreasing emissions, reducing traffic congestion, and reducing traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Comprehensive Statewide Rail Plan, developed and adopted in accordance with G.S. 136-44, established a statewide vision for a passenger rail system of intercity services connecting major metropolitan areas and other communities to destinations; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Statewide Rail Plan also established a vision for a commuter rail system that connects suburbs to major employment centers; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the Commonwealth of Virginia announced an agreement with CSX Transportation and a \$3.7 billion plan to improve both passenger and freight rail in the commonwealth, and that agreement creates an opportunity for improved access by rail from North Carolina into Virginia and Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Statewide Rail Plan recommends a comprehensive strategy for funding rail projects in North Carolina including using state and local funding to leverage federal programs, exploring private partnerships, and creating ongoing funding mechanisms to secure rail corridors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Apex calls on the NC General Assembly to realize the benefits of investment in public transportation and fulfill the vision of the Statewide Rail Plan by increasing state funding for rail transportation in North Carolina and establishing policies supportive of expanding rail infrastructure and partnerships.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2020.

Attest:

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Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor

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Donna B. Hosch, Town Clerk