



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council 10/14/2025

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the NCDOT's Ferry Division Budget and Preservation of Current Service Levels

BACKGROUND:

The NCDOT Ferry Division plays a vital role in connecting North Carolina's coastal communities, supporting tourism, commerce, and daily transportation needs. The ferry system is especially critical for residents and visitors of Carolina Beach and surrounding areas, providing reliable access across waterways that would otherwise require lengthy detours.

Recent discussions at the state level regarding transportation funding have raised concerns about potential reductions in ferry service frequency. Such reductions could negatively impact local economies, emergency response capabilities, and the quality of life for residents who rely on these services.

ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt Resolution 25-2340 in support of the NCDOT Ferry Division's budget, with a clear statement opposing any reduction in the number of ferry trips. This resolution will be shared with state legislators and transportation officials to advocate for sustained investment in our region's ferry infrastructure.