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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION OF THE MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE AND ITS CONTINUED INCLUSION IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Resolution 2022-03-01

WHEREAS, the Mid-Currituck Bridge project has been in the development process for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Dare County and its towns, Currituck County and the Town of Southern Shores, continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks of North Carolina generates substantial revenue for the State of North Carolina, particularly through tourism, and also serves a role as an ambassador area for the State by introducing hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the United States and the world to the many wonders of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this revenue and the goodwill that visitors feel towards the Outer Banks and North Carolina is tested annually through frustrations attributed directly to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow on the project area's thoroughfares, i.e. NC 12 and US 158, substantially reduce travel time for persons traveling between the Currituck County mainland and the Currituck County Outer Banks, and to substantially reduce the hurricane clearance time for residents and visitors who use US 158 and NC 168 during coastal evacuation; and

WHEREAS, building the Mid-Currituck Bridge will reduce congestion and alleviate delays, thus promoting and enhancing economic development, while bolstering the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the Mid-Currituck Bridge project have been studied thoroughly and have been rejected in favor of the Mid-Currituck Bridge; and

