

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Secondary Road Program Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

During the 2007 Session, the NC General Assembly passed House Bill 1513, which allows counties to voluntarily participate in the costs of transportation projects. Additionally, the 21st Century Transportation Committee and the Transportation Oversight Committee are considering diverting all Secondary Road Program funding to the Primary Road Program, which will leave no funding to pave or improve secondary roads.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Resolution opposing House Bill 1513 which would allow counties to voluntarily participate in the cost of transportation projects.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board adopt the Resolution opposing House Bill 1513 which would allow counties to voluntarily participate in the cost of transportation projects.

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Secondary Road Program Resolution**

WHEREAS, the NC General Assembly passed House Bill 1513 during the 2007 session; and

WHEREAS, HB 1513 allows counties to “voluntarily” participate in the costs of transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, since 1931 the State of North Carolina has had a model system of constructing, improving and maintaining interstate, primary, and secondary roads; and

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Transportation Committee and the Transportation Oversight Committee are considering diverting all Secondary Road Program funding to the Primary Road Program; and

WHEREAS, diverting Secondary Road program funding will leave no funding to pave and improve secondary roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY THAT:

1. It strongly opposes the transfer of Secondary Road Program funding to the Primary Road Program or any other program that will reduce funding for secondary road construction, improvement, and maintenance.
2. It strongly opposes any efforts by the General Assembly or NCDOT to shift any transportation costs formerly paid by the State to counties.
3. It strongly opposes any efforts by the General Assembly to appropriate local revenues whether property tax, sales tax, or any other local revenue for State transportation programs or any other State programs.
4. It strongly urges all counties to be fully aware and concerned that any invitation to participate in discussions of transportation needs may lead to an indirect appropriation of local funds.
5. It strongly urges all counties to contact the NC Association of County Commissioners and direct it to oppose any efforts to transfer the funding of any State programs to counties.
6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to every county in the State.
7. That copies of this resolution are sent to Henderson County’s representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly along with each and every Commissioner’s heartfelt concern about the transfer of this and future state costs to counties.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2008.

Mr. William L. Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:

Elizabeth Corn, Clerk to the Board