

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING
THE COURTLAND INTERCHANGE FOR
THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GENERATING
ECONOMIC RECOVERY, PHASE 2 GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 58 is a National Highway Safety (NHS) designated corridor that serves as a primary evacuation route for the Hampton Roads region and northeast North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Route 58 serves as an economic thoroughfare for the Commonwealth of Virginia connecting Interstates 95 and 85 with the Hampton Roads region and has an average daily traffic count of 21,000 vehicles including 2,300 heavy trucks; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia to support improvements to this corridor that benefit the Nation, the Commonwealth, the region and the county; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Transportation has established a grant program, TIGER II that will provide funds to improve critically important surface transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Courtland Interchange will improve the safety, mobility and economic competitiveness for all who travel this thoroughfare by removing two at grade intersections while further promoting and maintaining a state of good repair for U.S. Route 58.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Southampton County, Virginia supports and endorses the Courtland Interchange in the amount of \$22.310 million for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, Phase 2 Grant Application.

Board of Supervisors

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk



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DWIGHT L. FARMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

July 21, 2010

Mr. Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator
Southampton County
PO Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: US Route 58 Courtland Interchange ARRA Discretionary Grants Program: TIGER II

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As the regional organization representing the sixteen local governments that comprise the Hampton Roads region in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) Board, at its meeting held on July 21, 2010, endorsed the US Route 58 Courtland Interchange project in Southampton County to be submitted for consideration under the ARRA TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program in the amount of \$22.310 million.

The HRPDC understands that the US Route 58 Corridor is a significant corridor in the Hampton Roads region and as such, any improvements that enhance safety and mobility along this facility will benefit the Hampton Roads region. This facility not only moves people and goods, but also serves as a critical evacuation route for the residents of Hampton Roads and northeast North Carolina. The US Route 58 Courtland Interchange, located in Southampton County, presents a unique opportunity to foster jobs, improve safety, and enhance the movement of freight along the corridor.

Please include this letter in your application as documentation of actions taken on July 21, 2010 by the HRPDC Board endorsing the US Route 58 Courtland Interchange. Should you need any additional information in support of this project, please contact me at (757) 420-8300.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

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July 19, 2010

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RE: Tiger II Grant Application-U.S. Route 58 Courtland Interchange

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Southampton County would like to submit the U.S. Route 58 Courtland Interchange project as a candidate for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery II (Tiger II) Discretionary Grant program. As such, we are respectfully requesting endorsement by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC).

As you are aware, the U.S. Route 58 corridor is a National Highway Safety (NHS) designated corridor and serves as a primary evacuation route for residents of the Hampton Roads region and northeast North Carolina. Additionally, this facility serves as one of the economic lifelines for the Hampton Roads region with 21,000 vehicles per day utilizing this route, of which 11% are trucks. This equates to over 2,300 trucks using the facility each and every day. According to a study by HRPDC in 2005, this location has more trucks per day than anywhere else in the region! Twenty five percent (25%) of all of the freight being moved into or out of Hampton Roads travels this corridor primarily to and from Interstates 95 and 85. This interchange project would assist in the unimpeded flow of vehicles and reduce a major conflict point leading to enhanced mobility and safety along this corridor. The estimated cost of the interchange is \$22.310 million. This project continues to be the highest transportation priority for Southampton County.

Southampton County believes this project is well suited for the rural Tiger II funding as it addresses the following grant program criteria:

- 1) Economic Competitiveness- With the high percentage of truck traffic and the continued growth of freight movements associated with the expansion of the Port of Virginia, this project will enhance the efficient passage of goods and services along the corridor. A multi-modal freight facility is being developed in the adjacent city of Suffolk and Southampton County is currently developing a 400 acre industrial park, the Southampton Commerce and Logistics Center to capitalize on the increased activity at the Port of Virginia. Additionally, with recent closure of the International Paper mill and the elimination of 1,100 jobs, this project will provide immediate economic benefit to the area while promoting long term prosperity in the region.