



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

Resolution in Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge that crosses the Alligator River was constructed in 1960 and serves as the main transportation link along Highway 64 from areas west of Dare County; and

WHEREAS, The draw-bridge infrastructure of the bridge is obsolete and was closed for repairs in 2017 and 2019, resulting in lengthy delays and detours for residents, visitors, and commerce to Dare, Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Alligator River is part of the Intercoastal Waterway and is used by numerous commercial shipping and recreational vessels, often creating delays and back-ups; and

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is an essential hurricane evacuation route for the residents of Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties, and thousands of Outer Banks visitors, and the continuous functionality of the bridge is imperative to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The need for a new bridge across the Alligator River has been identified by the N.C. Department of Transportation but has not been funded as part of the State's Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), despite the age, obscurity and continued operational issues of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, The STIP methodology for funding does not allow a new bridge project to compete effectively against other transportation improvements in more urban areas of the State, thus contributing to the continued delay in construction of a new bridge to span the Alligator River; and

WHEREAS, The N.C. Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on transportation improvements for inclusion in the ten-year transportation plan for 2023-2032; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners urgently requests a new bridge to replace the existing span for the Alligator River be included in the 2023-2032 STIP in recognition of the vital role this span plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Kill Devil Hills, Dare County, and Eastern North Carolina;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Kill Devil Hills requests other funding sources for a new bridge be identified and appropriated by the State of North Carolina as soon as possible if STIP methodology used for funding is not suitable and practicable for this project.

This the 8th day of November, 2021.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk