

**Town of Oriental
Resolution 2019-06**

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY OF HAVELOCK TO GAIN CONTROL OVER
THE RELEASE OF UNTREATED SEWERAGE INTO STATE WATERS**

THAT WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, businesses, fisherman, and boaters of, and visitors to the Town of Oriental, NC place a high value on superior water quality, and understand this characteristic is essential to any healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, businesses, and boaters of, and visitors to the Town of Oriental, NC have been and continue to be directly affected by the repeated discharges of untreated wastewater by being immediately downstream from the releases, and;

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, businesses, and boaters of, and visitors to the Town of Oriental, NC expect and deserve water they can safely recreate in, that sustains our Tourism economy; and;

WHEREAS the residents, homeowners, businesses, fisherman, and boaters of, and visitors to the Town of Oriental, NC expect and deserve water that will sustain, nourish and support our local fisheries, shellfish sustaining waters, and primary nurseries, upon which we depend for our commercial economy, and;

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, businesses, fisherman, and boaters of, and visitors to the Town of Oriental, NC hold ourselves to strict compliance with discharge standards and expect surrounding communities and authorities to also be responsible for properly treating, transferring, and safely discharging wastewater into local waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL:

That the Town of Oriental thanks the City of Havelock for its efforts to gain control of the situation and encourages the City of Havelock to increase those efforts and further correct the underlying deficiencies that precipitate those discharges, and share the plan to do so publicly.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF April, 2019.

Sally Belangia, Mayor

Attest:

Diane H. Miller, Manager/Clerk

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Name of Organization _____

Resolution condemning the repeated release of thousands of gallons of untreated sewage by the city of Havelock, NC, which happens regularly and repeatedly at Oakwood Drive, Manhole G111. The untreated wastewater was discharged into Caps Branch, which flows into Slocum Creek and into the Neuse River Basin.

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, business owners, fisherman, boaters and visitors of _____, NC place a high value on superior water quality in their lives, and they understand that this characteristic is essential to any healthy community

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, business owners, fisherman, boaters and visitors of _____, NC expect and deserve water that they can drink and swim in, that will nourish, sustain and support our local fisheries, that they can safely consume the products of, that they can enjoy without seeing and smelling raw sewage or wondering if their water is safe.

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners, business owners, fisherman, boaters and visitors of _____, NC expect and deserve our neighboring communities to contribute to superior water quality and to be responsible for treating and safely disposing of their sewage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ORGANIZATION ~~condemns~~ the refusal to correct system issues that results in repeatedly discharging untreated waste water into the Neuse River and expects the City of Havelock to immediately correct the system issues and implement and share a public plan to remedy it.

Passed and adopted, this ____ day of _____ month, 2019

Signed _____

Position _____

Mail to: Mayor Will Lewis City of Havelock, PO Box 368, Havelock, NC, 28532

cc: DEQ

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TOWN OF ORIENTAL

RESOLUTION 2019-07 OPPOSING TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS DURING PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 55

WHEREAS, this bridges are located on Highway 55, a federal highway that serves as a primary transportation corridor for an estimated 8,000 vehicles per day;

WHEREAS, the bridge 36 is adjacent to Pamlico Middle School, a public school with over 400 students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, current draft plans presented by DOT propose closing the traffic to one lane during construction (temporary bridge); and

WHEREAS, the temporary bridge width is estimated to be less than 18 feet in width; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge design proposes that DOT take portions of two properties currently occupied by a resident and a small business; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge design may result in closure of at least one small business; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Sheriff, Pamlico County Emergency Manager/Fire Marshal, and Pamlico Rescue Squad have voiced serious concerns about the ability of their respective agencies to timely respond to emergencies when the traffic is restricted to one lane ; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County Schools have voiced serious concerns about the effect only one lane of traffic may have on the transport of students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, there are at least five farms encompassing over 20,000 acres that utilize the bridge regularly to transport farm equipment; and

WHEREAS, the safe transport of farm equipment requires at least 20 feet of road lane width; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous marinas, boat yards, and other marine trade interests located in Oriental and Pamlico County that transport boats over this bridge in the conduct

of their business; and

WHEREAS, tree farming and logging are significant business activities in Pamlico County; and

WHEREAS, many citizens in Pamlico County rely on mobile homes as affordable means of housing; and

WHEREAS, large boats, logging equipment and mobile homes require road lane widths of 20 feet or more; and

WHEREAS, Oriental and Pamlico County rely on tourism and traffic along Highway 55 to support many small businesses located along Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic wait times associated with a one lane temporary bridge design may result in the use of alternative routes of travel and decreased traffic flow along Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic wait times associated with a one lane temporary bridge design may result in tourists potentially choosing other locations as destinations, resulting in loss of tourism revenue; and

WHEREAS, viable detours may add as much as 30 miles to travel times; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County, including the proposed bridges, are in a flood plain; and

WHEREAS, Oriental and Pamlico County has been significantly impacted by hurricane storm events including but not limited to Hurricanes Florence, Irene, Isabel, and Tropical Storm Dennis; and

WHEREAS, Highway 55, including the proposed bridge construction area, is a primary evacuation route; and

WHEREAS, many citizens and businesses in Pamlico County are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Florence and the current bridge design with one lane construction traffic may inhibit continued recovery from the storm; and

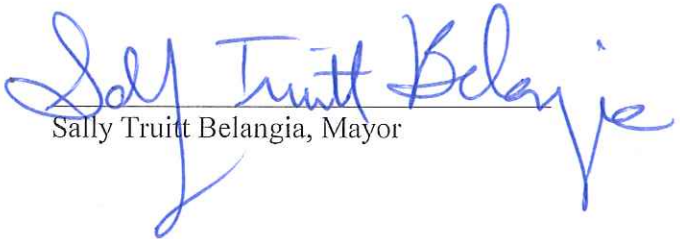
WHEREAS, there is adequate land available adjacent to the existing bridge that would enable alternate designs that eliminate the taking of two lots while also allowing two-way traffic during construction; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and traveling public passionately disagrees with the proposed alignment and the bridge dimensions due to its restrictions of day-to-day operations during construction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Oriental requests that for the duration of the construction, NCDOT make all feasible accommodations to provide the users

of this corridor and to the residents and businesses along this corridor, a safe and timely through-travel option, while ensuring the bridge project satisfies the local needs and is completed in a timely manner.

Signed this 28th Day of March, 2019


Sally Truitt Belangia, Mayor

ATTEST.


Diane H. Miller, Manager/Clerk

Authorized following NCDOT informational mtg. To be approved by the Board officially on April 2, 2019.

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**Resolution Opposing the Current Location
For Replacement of Bridge Number 36
And One Lane Traffic Flow During Construction**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) proposes to replace Bridge Number 36 over South Prong of the Bay River; and

WHEREAS, this bridge is located on Highway 55, a federal highway that serves as a primary transportation corridor for an estimated 8,000 vehicles per day;

WHEREAS, the bridge is adjacent to Pamlico Middle School, a public school with over 400 students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, current draft plans presented by DOT propose closing the traffic to one lane during construction (temporary bridge); and

WHEREAS, the temporary bridge width is estimated to be less than 18 feet in width; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge design proposes that DOT take portions of two properties currently occupied by a resident and a small business; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge design may result in closure of at least one small business; and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Sheriff, Pamlico County Emergency Manager/Fire Marshal, and Pamlico Rescue Squad have voiced serious concerns about the ability of their respective agencies to timely respond to emergencies when the traffic is restricted to one lane; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County Schools have voiced serious concerns about the effect only one lane of traffic may have on the transport of students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, there are at least five farms encompassing over 20,000 acres that utilize the bridge regularly to transport farm equipment; and

WHEREAS, the safe transport of farm equipment requires at least 20 feet of road lane width; and

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WHEREAS, there are numerous marinas, boat yards, and other marine trade interests located in Pamlico County that transport boats over this bridge in the conduct of their business; and

WHEREAS, tree farming and logging are significant business activities in Pamlico County; and

WHEREAS, many citizens in Pamlico County rely on mobile homes as affordable means of housing; and

WHEREAS, large boats, logging equipment and mobile homes require road lane widths of 20 feet or more; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County relies on tourism and traffic along Highway 55 to support many small businesses located along Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic wait times associated with a one lane temporary bridge design may result in the use of alternative routes of travel and decreased traffic flow along Highway 55; and

WHEREAS, increased traffic wait times associated with a one lane temporary bridge design may result in tourists potentially choosing other locations as destinations, resulting in loss of tourism revenue; and

WHEREAS, viable detours may add as much as 30 miles to travel times; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County, including the proposed bridge section, is in a flood plain; and

WHEREAS, Pamlico County has been significantly impacted by hurricane storm events including but not limited to Hurricanes Florence, Irene, Isabel, and Tropical Storm Dennis; and

WHEREAS, Highway 55, including the proposed bridge construction area, is a primary evacuation route; and

WHEREAS, many citizens and businesses in Pamlico County are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Florence and the current bridge design with one lane construction traffic may inhibit continued recovery from the storm; and

WHEREAS, there is adequate land available adjacent to the existing bridge that would enable alternate designs that eliminate the taking of two lots while also allowing two-way traffic during construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the recommended location of the replacement for Bridge Number 36 and its proposed one lane traffic design during construction.

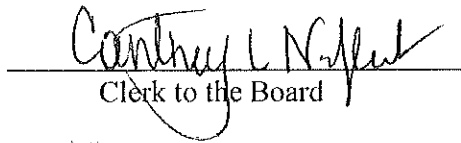
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider alternative bridge designs that: 1) minimize the impact on residents, small business, and schools and 2) keep two lanes of traffic flowing during bridge construction.

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The Clerk to the Board is hereby directed to deliver copies of this resolution to State legislators representing Pamlico County, Office of the Governor of North Carolina, and Pamlico County's representative on the State Board of Transportation.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2019.


Chairman


Clerk to the Board

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RESOLUTION FOR TRAVEL ACCOMMODATIONS DURING PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 55

WHEREAS, The Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO) consists of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, and Pamlico Counties and serves to provide a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process and provide transportation-related planning and information to its member governments; and

WHEREAS, the Down East RPO is, among other things, charged with working cooperatively to address transportation issues to sustain and improve the quality of life for residents of the region and throughout the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities and County agree that two bridge replacements along the NC 55 corridor are necessary to improve safety, accessibility, mobility; ensure economic prosperity; and to prepare for future growth; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and traveling public passionately disagrees with the proposed alignment and the bridge dimensions due to its restrictions of day-to-day operations during construction; and

WHEREAS, many communities within Pamlico County recognize the following concerns associated with this project, which include:

- business slowdown and shutdown impact due to bridge lane closures and/or detours during construction;
- significant increase in time travel for residents and emergency management services due to bridge lane closures and/or detours during construction;
- inability to appropriately accommodate the movement of farm machinery/equipment, waterborne vehicles, wide loads, and logging equipment due to bridge lane width constraints and/or detours during construction;
- decline in tourism activity due to the travel time delays brought on by the bridge lane closures and/or detours from tourist destinations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Down East Rural Planning Organization request that during the duration of construction, NCDOT make all feasible accommodations to provide the users of this corridor and to the residents and businesses along this corridor, a safe and timely through-travel option, while ensuring the bridge project satisfies the local needs and is completed in a timely manner.