

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina
R-2023-58

Introduced By: Anthony N. Caudle, City Manager

Date: 5/16/2023

Resolution Supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rail Division Application for the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Wilmington to Raleigh Corridor

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 ("IIJA"), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ("BIL"), included \$66 billion in passenger and freight rail infrastructure investments, with \$44 billion to be distributed through the Federal Railroad Administration's ("FRA") discretionary grant programs; and,

WHEREAS, the IIJA also authorized the establishment of the Corridor ID Program to assist in the development of existing and future intercity passenger rail corridors, making funding available to identify and develop projects necessary to implement service; and,

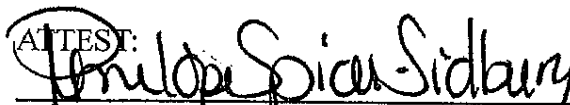
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's ("NC DOT") Rail Division identified the Wilmington to Raleigh corridor as a candidate corridor for the FRA's 2022 Notice of Solicitation of Corridor Proposals, submitting the application in March 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is situated at the end of the corridor and, along with NC DOT, has planned for future passenger rail service for many years, so establishment and future implementation of intercity rail service in the Wilmington to Raleigh corridor would provide numerous benefits to the City and surrounding region, including safety, connectivity, economic advancement, and supporting overall regional growth, and selection of the corridor for the FRA's Corridor ID Program would provide some of resources necessary to realize these benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the City of Wilmington City Council hereby supports the NC DOT's Rail Division application for the FRA's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Wilmington to Raleigh corridor.

Adopted at a regular meeting
on May 16, 2023

IN WITNESS:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk




Mayor