

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CURRITUCK
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITIES OF
AYDLETT AND WATERLILY IN OPPOSITION TO U.S. 158/MID-CURRITUCK
BRIDGE INTERCHANGE (OPTION B) AND BARRIER WALL PREVENTING
SAFE AND CONVENIENT TRAVEL FROM WATERLILY ROAD**

WHEREAS, since conceptualization of the Mid-Currituck Bridge in the 1970's the communities of Aydlett and Church's Island have requested, and the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County have agreed, that to the greatest extent possible there be minimal impact on quality of life and the safe movement within Aydlett and Church's Island; and

WHEREAS, there has been a community expectation that the Mid-Currituck Bridge toll plaza would be located near U.S. Highway 158, that Mid-Currituck Bridge traffic and Aydlett local traffic would not be merged and that the Church's Island community would be able to access U.S. Highway 158 from Waterlily Road in the same or similar manner as now accessed; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed an interchange design plan known as U.S. 158/Mid-Currituck Bridge Interchange (Option B) that if constructed will locate the Mid-Currituck Bridge toll plaza in the middle of the Aydlett community; a community of rural residential development and farmland, and require local Aydlett community traffic to merge with Mid-Currituck Bridge traffic increasing the possibility of traveling public traffic detrimentally impacting the serenity of the Aydlett community; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed as part of the Mid-Currituck Bridge design the location of barrier walls at the intersection of Waterlily Road and U.S. Highway 158 that will require south bound traffic from Waterlily Road to travel north on U.S. Highway 158 across the Coinjock Bridge before making a hazardous traffic movement into the south bound lanes of U.S. Highway 158 which will cause great inconvenience to the Church's Island community and unnecessarily expose the community to an unsafe condition; and

WHEREAS, plans for U.S. 158/Mid-County Bridge Interchange (Option B) and barrier wall at Waterlily Road fail to meet the expectation and requirement of the Aydlett and Church's Island communities and the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County, North Carolina that:


Section 1. Currituck County opposes an interchange design plan known as U.S. 158/Mid-Currituck Bridge Interchange (Option B) and supports an interchange design plan that locates the Mid-County Bridge toll plaza near U.S. Highway 158 and retains Aydlett Road (SR 1140) as the common and ordinary route for local traffic to and from the Aydlett community.

Section 2. Currituck County opposes the location of barrier walls at the intersection of Waterlily Road (SR 1142) and U.S. Highway 158 that will require south bound traffic from Waterlily Road to travel north on U.S. Highway 158 across the Coinjock Bridge before making a hazardous traffic movement into the south bound lanes of U.S. Highway 158 and requests consideration for the location of a service road extending underneath the Coinjock Bridge to allow southbound traffic from Waterlily Road to safely merge into the southbound lanes of U.S. Highway 158.

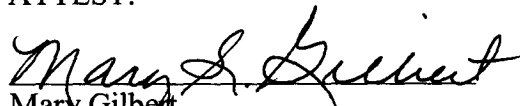
Section 3. The Clerk to the Board is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Marc Basnight, Representative Bill Owens, North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Eugene A. Conti, Jr., in his capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, and David W. Joyner, Executive Director of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED the 19th day of October, 2009.


J. Owen Etheridge, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mary Gilbert,
Deputy Clerk to the Board

