## TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH "I-77 MOBILITY PARTNERS" TO TOLL I-77 FOR 50 YEARS

**WHEREAS,** the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and I-77 Mobility Partners (the Developer) requires the NCDOT to compensate the Developer if any future interstate improvement results in a decrease in toll revenues along the planned I-77 HOT lane corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor McCrory seeks a bond referendum that could fund widening of Interstate 77 (I-77) with general purpose lanes and other ways, including but not limited to legislation for funding general purpose lanes, may exist to secure funds to widen I-77 without a 50 year toll lane contract; and

WHEREAS, the motor sports community, the service and retail industries, as well as other business owners have actively spoken out against the toll lane plan making a compelling case that tolls in I-77 will impair economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** in recent local media-led polls, it appears that more than 90 percent of our constituents oppose the 50-year toll contract for I-77; and

WHEREAS, the Town has concerns about the failed toll road projects around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** I-77 could potentially be de-bottlenecked for approximately \$100 million dollars using public funds that citizens have paid for through the gasoline tax, and the toll lane project will cost state taxpayers approximately \$240 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the toll lane project is forecast to cost approximately \$11 billion (based on Stantec forecast) over 50 years for the drivers in the HOT lanes; and

WHEREAS, I-77 is a primary evacuation route for two nuclear power stations in the event of an accident or terrorist attack, and the fastest, least-intrusive manner to add capacity to I-77 is with general purpose lanes from exit 23 to 36.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on behalf of the citizens that we represent here in Huntersville, we respectfully ask that the planned 50 year toll contract for Interstate 77 between NCDOT and I-77 Mobility Partners be immediately terminated by NCDOT and the widening of I-77 with general purpose lanes begin as soon as reasonably possible.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.