

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAIL
CORRIDORS REFERRED TO AS THE S-LINE AND SA-LINE FOR
THE BENEFITS OF IMPROVED PASSENGER RAIL, IMPROVED
FREIGHT MOVEMENT, IMPROVED COMMUTING OPTIONS
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has a long tradition of progressing successful passenger and freight rail projects and supporting the development of rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has worked with state, regional, and federal partners to develop plans for the federally-designated Southeast Corridor, a passenger and freight rail network extending from Washington, D.C. through North Carolina to Jacksonville, Fla.; and

WHEREAS, a Record of Decision to develop the Raleigh to Richmond portion of the Southeast Corridor was approved by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) on March 2017, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the development of the S-Line and SA-Line corridors support and promote economic development in communities along the corridor, including those in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line and SA-Line would provide greater access to jobs, health care, and education and provide new options for the movement of both goods and people; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line and SA-Line would provide efficient and reliable commuting options for communities and businesses along the corridor;

WHEREAS, NCDOT anticipates pursuing federal grants to assist with the purchase of portions of the S-Line and the SA-Line in North Carolina and to study transit-oriented communities and development along the corridor, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wake County Board of Commissioners supports the acquisition and development of the S-Line and SA-Line to provide for the full economic potential to be realized in the corridor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages the acquisition as it supports commuter rail and regional rail connectivity in Wake County.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of February 2020.

Gregory D. Ford, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners