RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTE CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY FUNDS FOR THE INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Independence Boulevard (US 74) is a critical part of Charlotte’s thoroughfare / freeway / expressway system, servicing 32% of the employment destinations in Charlotte, with current traffic volumes exceeding 110,000 vehicles per day and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Charlotte are partnering on Project U209F to construct an expressway on US 74 from Eastway Drive to Sharon Amity Road and,

WHEREAS, in doing so, the City has identified the dire need for funding to implement initiatives that will assist in minimizing the disruption to businesses, neighborhoods and commuters, during the construction; including an aggressive communications program before and during the project, installing traffic monitoring cameras along two parallel roadways, and maintaining the use of, and extending the current express bus route during construction and,

WHEREAS, the total cost for these traffic mitigation initiatives will amount to approximately $2,150,000 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte supports the proposed traffic mitigation plan and requests that Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds be sought for the Independence Boulevard Widening Project traffic mitigation plan.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 21st day of May 2001, the reference having been made in Minute book 116, and recorded in full in resolution book 37, page(s) 96.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 22nd day of May 2001.

Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk