



## **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICIAL NCDOT TRUCK ROUTE THROUGH PITTSBORO BE DIVERTED TO NC HIGHWAY 87**

**WHEREAS**, preserving the small-town character and fostering a safe and enjoyable environment in downtown Pittsboro are top priorities for the Mayor, Commissioners, and staff of the Town of Pittsboro; and

**WHEREAS**, many modes of transportation are prevalent in downtown Pittsboro including pedestrian and bicycle in addition to standard personal vehicles and larger commercial truck traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 15/501 serves as the roadway connector running North and South in the middle of Pittsboro's downtown heart circulating around our historic courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 64 Business serves as the roadway connector running East and West in the middle of Pittsboro's downtown heart circulating around our historic courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be increased truck traffic in and around Pittsboro due to the uptick in industrial growth in Chatham County, specifically at the Triangle Innovation Point (TIP) Megasite in Moncure, NC, and at the Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Megasite in Siler City, NC; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in truck traffic through downtown Pittsboro results in mounting deleterious effects on our small-town urban streetscape with damage to infrastructure, diminished safety of pedestrians, and excessive noise and smell pollution reducing the enjoyment of our downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, in close proximity to downtown Pittsboro, NCDOT has existing, alternative roadway facilities adequately positioned to serve as the official truck route to absorb the truck traffic in and through downtown Pittsboro; and

**WHEREAS**, with the anticipated exponential increase in truck traffic traversing the corridors in and around Pittsboro, it is critical that NCDOT truck route through Pittsboro be displaced from downtown Pittsboro to another route to enable Pittsboro to retain a safe and enjoyable downtown.

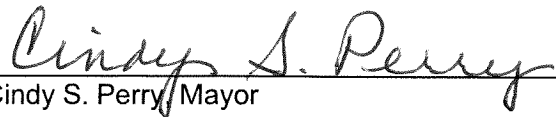
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro hereby formally requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to:

1. Prohibit single trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of greater than 26,000 pounds with three (3) or more axles, or truck and trailer combinations with three (3) or more axles and a combined gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of greater than 26,000 pounds, from using US Highway 15-501 between the intersection of Moncure-Pittsboro Road and NC Highway 87 south of downtown Pittsboro and the US Highway 64 Bypass interchange north of downtown Pittsboro.
2. Prohibit single trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of greater than 26,000 pounds with three (3) or more axles, or truck and trailer combinations with three (3) or more axles and a combined gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of greater than 26,000

pounds, from using US Highway 64 Business between the intersection of Chatham Park Way (along East Street) east of Pittsboro and the intersection of NC Highway 87 (along West Street) west of downtown Pittsboro.

3. Install proper and sufficient signage demarcating the approved truck routes to notify truck to travel around downtown Pittsboro.
4. Relocate and sign NC Highway 87 in and around Pittsboro as the official NCDOT truck route without delay and prior to any future planned or to be planned upgrades to this roadway facility.

This Resolution was adopted by the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
Cindy S. Perry Mayor

Attest:

  
Carrie Bailey, Town Clerk