

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

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Introduced By: Sterling B. Cheatham, City Manager

Date: 09/01/2009

**Resolution Supporting a Joint Application by the City of Wilmington,
University of North Carolina – Wilmington, New Hanover County and Town
of Wrightsville Beach to the Federal TIGER Discretionary Grant Program
for the construction of improvements for the Cross-City Trail and River to
Sea Bikeway**

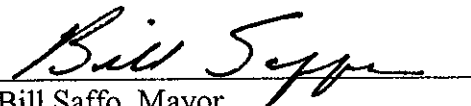
LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes a new Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program. This grant program will distribute \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for capital investments in surface infrastructure with national or regional significance for a variety of multi-modal transportation uses. The qualifying projects will maximize job creation and economic development in the region. The program will be supported by an overall financing package with federal funds not to exceed \$300 million. The completion deadline for projects is February 17, 2012.

The Cross City Trail and River-to-Sea Bikeway are projects that will enhance local job opportunities and provide economic benefits by creating a transportation network for alternative commuting as well as for recreation. These projects will also highlight the City's natural resources, parks and historic areas, creating an attraction that will draw vacationers and tourists to the area. The total grant amount requested is \$17 million.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the Wilmington City Council supports the submission of a joint application by the City of Wilmington, University of North Carolina – Wilmington, New Hanover County and the Town of Wrightsville Beach to the federal TIGER discretionary grant program for the construction of improvements for the Cross-City Trail and River to Sea Bikeway.


Bill Saffo, Mayor

Adopted at a regular meeting
on September 1, 2009.

ATTEST:

City Clerk



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