

WHEREAS, because of its flexibility, the Federal Surface Transportation Program is the only source of funds available to the Department to meet many of the pressing transportation needs of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Transportation directs the staff to review the programmed, undesignated mitigation budget for the next update of the Transportation Improvement Program with the goal of minimizing the future Surface Transportation Funds allocated for that purpose, while providing funds from other sources to meet the environmental commitments of the Department.

Approval – Resolution for Governor Luther H. Hodges

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee a motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Erby to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Luther H. Hodges was born in a log cabin on a tenant farm in Cascade, Pittsylvania County, Virginia on March 9, 1898; and

WHEREAS, Luther H. Hodges, moved with his family shortly after his birth to Rockingham County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Luther H. Hodges worked his way through the University of North Carolina, where he was elected president of the student body and his senior class and;

WHEREAS, After graduation from the University of North Carolina in 1919, Luther H. Hodges became secretary to the general manager of the Marshall Field & Company Mills in the Leaksville-Spray (now Eden), N.C., area, eventually becoming the company's vice president; and

WHEREAS, Luther H. Hodges was a member of the State Board of Education and from 1933 – 1937 served on the State Highway and Public Works Commission (now the North Carolina Board of Transportation); and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Luther H. Hodges was elected as North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor and became governor when Governor William B. Umstead died in November 1954; and

WHEREAS, In the six years that followed, Governor Luther H. Hodges developed new approaches to the problems of North Carolina, particularly those relating to employment. His industrialization program was the hallmark for the South. He led trade missions at home and abroad, created a system of community colleges to provide training and education, supported the state's first minimum wage law, and supported the Research Triangle Park, which he called "the heart and the hope of North Carolina's industrial future;" and

WHEREAS, Governor Luther H. Hodges served as Secretary of Commerce under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. He was chairman of the board of Research Triangle Foundation, and director of several large corporations.

WHEREAS, The Research Triangle Foundation requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Governor Luther H. Hodges for his tenacity in promoting the concept of the Research Triangle Park which helped assure that the fledgling idea would grow into the now world-famous research park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names Interstate 540 from N.C. 55 to N.C. 54 through the Research Triangle Park in Wake County the **Governor Luther H. Hodges Freeway** for his visionary leadership and outstanding service to citizens North Carolina and the United States of America.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eighth day of January 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman,
North Carolina Board of Transportation

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board of Transportation

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2004