

Whereas, the Department is currently working toward developing a new draft 2006-2012 TIP that would normally be made available to the public in the Summer, 2004; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress has not adopted a new multi-year Surface Transportation Program which creates great uncertainty as to the type and magnitude of funds that are anticipated to be available for programming over the next 6 to 8 years; and

Whereas, the General Assembly may enact changes this year to the structure of the State Highway Trust Fund to provide additional programming flexibility to the Board; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to provide the citizens of the State the best possible draft program to review and comment on that is based on reliable budget and program structure information; and

Whereas, the Board believes that release of a draft Program may be delayed in 2004 and still provide ample time for public review and comment prior to adoption of a final document in 2005,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Transportation directs the staff to delay final development and distribution of the Draft 2006-2012 Transportation Improvement Program until after the conclusion of the 2004 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, and

Also Be It Resolved, that the Board of Transportation directs the staff to develop a schedule for adoption of a subsequent 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Program, and that future Biennial Programs be adopted in even numbers years.

Approval – Resolution for Officer Randy Michael Pendleton

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Collier, seconded by Board Member Sewell to approve the following:

Whereas, Officer Randy Michael Pendleton was a native of Mount Holly in Gaston County; and

Whereas, Officer Randy Michael Pendleton served in the Mount Holly Police Department, the Catawba Heights Volunteer Fire Department and the Gaston County Police Department with integrity, professionalism and valor; and

Whereas, on February 5, 1979, Gaston County Police Officer Randy M. Pendleton was killed while assisting other officers in the apprehension of a dangerous felon; and

Whereas, the Mount Holly City Council, the Cramerton Town Board of Commissioners, the Gaston and Mecklenburg County Boards of Commissioners, the North Carolina Highway Patrol and area citizens requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Officer Randy Michael Pendleton.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over the Catawba River on N.C. 27 connecting Mecklenburg and Gaston counties that serves as the main gateway into the City of Mount Holly the *Randy M. Pendleton Memorial Bridge* for his dedication to duty and his ultimate sacrifice in the protection of the citizens of his community and state.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

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

Approval – Resolution for James R. Vannoy

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

Whereas, James R. Vannoy was born in the Nettle Knob community of Ashe County on February 24, 1918; and