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Honorable Representative Tim Moore
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Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Subject: Designation of NC 140 (previously US 17) for use by Trucks with Twin Trailers

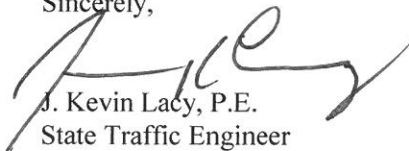
Dear Gentlemen:

It is our recommendation to designate NC 140 between US 17 Business (Market Street) and I-40 in New Hanover County as a twin trailer route. This addition to the North Carolina Truck Network was initiated internally by NCDOT's Transportation Mobility and Safety Division. The purpose of this proposed designation is to connect the existing National Network segments of US 17, established by the USDOT in 1983 following the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) of 1982, and to formally place the section of NC 140 between I-40 and US 17 Business (Market Street) on the North Carolina Truck Network (NCTN). Originally, this section was to become an extension of I-140, which would have automatically added it to the National Network pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), but due to other reasons it was not designated as interstate thereby creating the need for designation. In accordance with designation procedures outlined in General Statute §20-115.1, we have completed the following requirements:

- A determination of public convenience and need (§20-115.1, g, 1)
- A traffic engineering study indicating the subject route can safely accommodate and has sufficient capacity to handle these vehicle combinations (§20-115.1, g, 2)
- The opportunity for a public hearing has been provided in each county through which the subject route passes (§20-115.1, g, 3)

A public hearing was held in New Hanover County. We received 22 comments from 19 different citizens primarily regarding truck traffic in Wilmington and not the recommended alignment to be designated. Please contact me at (919) 773-2800 if you have any questions or need additional details including the specific findings of our investigation.

Sincerely,



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