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A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE ANDERSON AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE West Pelzer; TO REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA APPROVE SAID REDESIGNATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, due to an increase in population in certain geographic areas, previously defined as "rural", in Anderson County (the "County"), as shown by the U.S. Census in 2002 these new "urban" areas (as defined by that census) will no longer be eligible for transportation funding under the Rural Guideshares program, beginning in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, these new "urban" areas must therefore now fall under a Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") to provide for transportation planning; and,

WHEREAS, an MPO is the designated local decision-making body that is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan planning process, based on federal law and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, currently, there are two potential, existing alternatives for the new "urban" areas and those areas that are contiguous to "urban" areas within the County to become part of an MPO; the first alternative is for the "urban" and contiguous areas referenced above to become part of the Greenville Area Transportation Study ("GRATS"), as proposed by the South Carolina Department of Transportation, or as a second alternative, the elected representatives of the areas above mentioned can request the Governor of South Carolina to expand the Anderson Area Transportation Study ("ANATS") to create a new MPO that would encompass all portions of the County as shown on the attached map, Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, by joining the proposed expanded Anderson MPO, the citizens of West Pelzer would benefit by having greater proportional representation in the MPO organization than they would on the GRATS, as MPO representation is based on population, a formula which would give Greenville County an overwhelming majority over any other participant in such an MPO; and,

WHEREAS, because Greenville County representatives would have an overwhelming majority in any GRATS MPO, they would be able to control where and how the transportation funds for that MPO will be spent, which could also result in less transportation planning expertise dedicated to areas within the County, if the focus were put on Greenville County, and areas within Anderson County could be effectively left out of the transportation planning process; and,

WHEREAS, if in the future West Pelzer Council should decide that West Pelzer's interests would be better served by being in another MPO, removing West Pelzer from the proposed expanded Anderson MPO would be easier than removing West Pelzer from GRATS, because areas in both Counties would have greater representation in the proposed expanded Anderson MPO than they would in GRATS; and

WHEREAS, Town of West Pelzer acting by and through the West Pelzer Council, now desires to officially approve and endorse the proposed redesignation of the Anderson Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization to include West Pelzer, and to request that the Governor of the State of South Carolina approve said redesignation:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by West Pelzer Council in meeting duly assembled that:

1. West Pelzer Town Council, acting as a body politic and corporate and as the official representative of the people of West Pelzer, hereby expresses its approval of and its desire for West Pelzer to be included in the proposed expansion of the Anderson Area Transportation Study MPO as shown on the attached map, believing that West Pelzer would thereby have greater representation in the resulting MPO than it would if West Pelzer were aligned with the Greenville Area Transportation Study MPO, and that such inclusion in an expanded Anderson Area Transportation Study MPO would therefore be in the best interests of West Pelzer. West Pelzer Council further requests the Governor of the State of South Carolina to approve such expansion and redesignation of the Anderson Area Transportation Study MPO, as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict only, repealed and rescinded.

3. Should any part or portion of this resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon enactment.

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RESOLVED this 16th day of 2003, in meeting duly assembled.

West Pelzer, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: Reggie M. Paxton  
ITS: Mayor of West Pelzer

ATTEST:

BY: Wanda G. Duthenland  
ITS: Clerk/Treasurer

269 sq. mi.  
124,337 Census 2000 Population  
462 persons/ sq. mi.

