



COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FERRY DIVISION AND OPPOSING ROUTE REDUCTIONS FOR THE CURRITUCK-KNOTTS ISLAND FERRY

WHEREAS, Currituck County has a long history of voicing opposition to proposed tolls, route reductions, or the potential elimination of the Currituck-Knotts Island ferry route; and

WHEREAS, Knotts Island residents have relied on this ferry service for decades as a primary and direct connection to mainland Currituck County; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of the ferry, the only alternative route between Knotts Island and the Currituck mainland is a two-hour round-trip through Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, Virginia, posing significant hardship and logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck-Knotts Island ferry is essential to the daily routines of residents, including school children, and serves as a vital link for access to education, employment, government services, youth and senior programs, and other community resources; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Ferry Division recently informed Currituck County of budgetary shortfalls and that funding for the Ferry Division has not been included in any of the General Assembly's mini-budget proposals to date; and

WHEREAS, in response to these budgetary constraints, the Ferry Division has proposed a 60% reduction in Currituck-Knotts Island ferry departures, which will significantly burden those who rely on the ferry for regular and reliable transportation; and

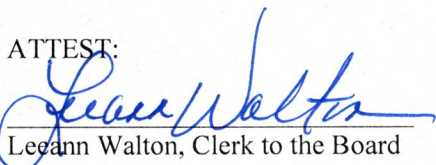
WHEREAS, although the proposed schedule maintains departures for morning and afternoon school bus routes, it eliminates all mid-day routes that are not only critical for many residents but used to transport students on early-release school days, which occur every other Friday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly urges that the Ferry Division maintain the current ferry schedule for the Currituck-Knotts Island Ferry, or at a minimum, that a mid-afternoon departure be preserved to accommodate regular travelers and the needs of school children on early-release days; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina General Assembly to act swiftly to include necessary funding for the NCDOT Ferry Division in any forthcoming mini-budget or comprehensive state budget legislation to prevent harmful service reductions and ensure continued connectivity for the Knotts Island community.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:


Legann Walton, Clerk to the Board




S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman