



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SENATOR JEFF TARTE
District 41 Mecklenburg

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To: Press and News Organizations

From: Senator Jeff Tarte

Re: My Thoughts on Town Resolutions Regarding the I-77 Managed Lanes Project

I have been asked my thoughts regarding Huntersville's resolution that was passed last night. Resolutions are the most appropriate and formal way for municipalities and counties to communicate their desires to State officials. They are exercised by governing bodies all the time. When I was a former Cornelius mayor, my town board often utilized resolutions as a tool for this exact purpose. I recognize that I work for the people in District 41, and regularly ask for feedback and support in the form of a resolution.

Several weeks ago I was requested to pursue a plan of action to defund the tolling project on I-77 by the various project stakeholders including commissioners of the towns, county commissioners, and local businesses on the I-77 managed lane project. I have stated that I am prepared to file legislation to terminate/defund the use of tolling of I-77 through the Lake Norman Area, assuming we can receive support from the stakeholders within the I-77 corridor. That said, the resolve and strength of the town and county resolutions, or the lack thereof, will be an important tool in assisting the passage of the bill I will be filing.

I will have one opportunity to file my bill in the Senate. I expect the various resolutions in conjunction with petitions from our businesses will play a critical role in garnering support in the NC Senate. Based upon the resolutions I have received I intend to fulfill the promise I made to my constituents and file a bill to defund the Lake Norman section of the I-77 plan.