

Resolution to Support the Expansion of Route 2 from 2-lane to 4-lane

Whereas the continued economic growth of _____ is vital to the interests of its people, businesses and communities, and

Whereas four-lane highways have proven to stimulate and expand economic activity for those regions where highways have been completed, and

Whereas said upgrade of Route 2 is under construction in large part, and

Whereas Interstate 68 is complete to Morgantown, West Virginia, with expectations of it reaching to the Ohio River, and

Whereas a great part of the upgrade to Route 2 is “shovel ready,” and

Whereas the completion of the Route 2 upgrade and extension of Interstate 68 is recognized by multiple Regional Economic Development Authorities, Partnerships and Councils as being a most important stimulus project for the area, and

Where as a completed Interstate 68 would provide direct access to the Port of Baltimore, and

Whereas a completed Interstate 68 would provide an important function to the Homeland Security Department as an emergency route from the nation’s capital and surrounding metropolitan areas in case of national emergency, and

Whereas the largest concentration of manufacturing in West Virginia is found along the Ohio River, and

Whereas manufacturing has great need for reliable four-lane transportation to move products to market, and

Whereas and expanded Route 2 and Intestate 68 will divert dangerous traffic from two-lane roads, and

Whereas the major development in West Virginia is found in the Marcellus region, and

Whereas the development of an ethane cracker in Parkersburg will bring billions of dollars in economic development, and

Whereas the development of a natural gas power plant in Moundsville will bring billions of dollars in economic development, and

Whereas the development of other mid-stream and down-stream products of natural gas in all of the counties along the Ohio River Valley's abundant natural gas liquids Marcellus Region will develop,

Therefore be it resolved that the _____ fully supports and urges representatives of both State and Federal government bodies to do everything in their power to secure funding for the completion of the Route 2 expansion and the extension of Interstate 68 westward to the Ohio Valley.

On behalf of _____

Date