

## RESOLUTION

### No Western Connector Bypass In Moore County

By: Save Our Sandhills

WHEREAS, the longleaf pine forest of the Sandhills is being diminished every year by development activities; and

WHEREAS, a new highway is one of the most immutable works of man, consuming large amounts of open space, permanently changing the character of the landscape, creating sprawl development where it might not have been planned, severing wildlife travel corridors, and fragmenting wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, future generations of area residents will not be able to remove the highway if they deem it to have been a mistake; and

WHEREAS, there are already existing roads that may be improved for use in connecting the West End and Seven Lakes area in Moore County to the Aberdeen and Southern Pines shopping areas; and

WHEREAS, there are many other more appropriate ways to spend scarce public dollars other than building an unneeded new road on new alignment that will go through one of the last green areas of the Sandhills map, and which could also dislocate some families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Save Our Sandhills, meeting in Southern Pines, North Carolina on October 27, 2011 urges the Board of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation to permanently remove from the transportation planning process the option of building the Western Connector, previously known as the Highway 211 Bypass or the Pinehurst Bypass, and to plan on improving existing roads instead.

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