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SENATE BILL 654

Short Title: Map Act/Clarifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lee (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION
CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-44.50 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-44.50. Transportation corridor official map act.

(a) A transportation corridor official map may be adopted or amended by any of the following:

- (1) The governing board of any local government for any thoroughfare included as part of a comprehensive plan for streets and highways adopted pursuant to G.S. 136-66.2 or for any proposed public transportation corridor included in the adopted long-range transportation plan.
- (2) The Board of Transportation, or the governing board of any county, for any portion of the existing or proposed State highway system or for any public transportation corridor, to include rail, that is in the Transportation Improvement Program.
- (3) Regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or regional transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes for any portion of the existing or proposed State highway system, or for any proposed public transportation corridor, or adjacent station or parking lot, included in the adopted long-range transportation plan.
- (4) The North Carolina Turnpike Authority for any project being studied pursuant to G.S. 136-89.183.
- (5) The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Department projects R-3300 and U-4751.

Before a city adopts a transportation corridor official map that extends beyond the extraterritorial jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances, or adopts an amendment to a transportation corridor official map outside the extraterritorial jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances, the city shall obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners.

(a1) No property may be regulated under this Article until:

- (1) The governing board of the city, the county, the regional transportation authority, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, ~~or~~ the Department of ~~Transportation~~ Transportation, or any other entity listed in subsection (a) of



1 this section has held a public hearing in each county affected by the map on
2 the proposed map or amendment. Notice of the hearing shall be provided:

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- 4 (1a) The transportation corridor official map has been adopted or amended by the
5 governing board of the city, the county, the regional transportation authority,
6 the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, ~~or the Department~~Department, or
7 any other entity listed in subsection (a) of this section.

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10 (e) The term "amendment" for purposes of this section includes any change to a
11 transportation corridor official map, including:

- 12 (1) Failure of the Department of Transportation, the North Carolina Turnpike
13 Authority, a city, a county, ~~or a regional transportation authority~~authority, or
14 any other entity listed in subsection (a) of this section to begin work on an
15 environmental impact statement or preliminary engineering as required by
16 this section; or
17 (2) Deletion of the corridor from (i) the transportation corridor official map by
18 action of the Board of Transportation, the North Carolina Turnpike
19 Authority, or deletion of the corridor from the Wilmington Urban Area
20 Metropolitan Planning Organization, or (ii) the long-range transportation
21 plan of a city, county, or regional transportation authority by action of the
22 city, county, or regional transportation authority governing Board.

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24 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-44.51(a) reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) After a transportation corridor official map is filed with the register of deeds, no
26 building permit shall be issued for any building or structure or part thereof located within the
27 transportation corridor, nor shall approval of a subdivision, as defined in G.S. 153A-335 and
28 G.S. 160A-376, be granted with respect to property within the transportation corridor. The
29 Secretary of Transportation or his designee, the director of the Wilmington Urban Area
30 Metropolitan Planning Organization, the director of a regional public transportation authority,
31 or the director of a regional transportation authority, as appropriate, shall be notified within 10
32 days of all submittals for corridor map determination, as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of
33 this section."

34 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 136-44.52(a) reads as rewritten:

35 "(a) The Department of Transportation, the regional public transportation authority, the
36 regional transportation authority, ~~or the local government which~~government, or other entity
37 listed in subsection (a) of G.S. 136-44.50 that initiated the transportation corridor official map
38 shall establish procedures for considering petitions for variance from the requirements of
39 G.S. 136-44.51."

40 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 136-44.53(a) reads as rewritten:

41 "(a) After a transportation corridor official map is filed with the register of deeds, a
42 property owner has the right of petition to the filer of the map for acquisition of the property
43 due to an imposed hardship. The Department of Transportation, the regional public
44 transportation authority, the regional transportation authority, the Wilmington Urban Area
45 Metropolitan Planning Organization, or the local government that initiated the transportation
46 corridor official map may make advanced acquisition of specific parcels of property when that
47 acquisition is determined by the respective governing board to be in the best public interest to
48 protect the transportation corridor from development or when the transportation corridor
49 official map creates an undue hardship on the affected property owner. The procedure
50 established by a regional public transportation ~~authority~~authority, a regional transportation
51 authority, or the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

1 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall provide for a hearing de novo by the Department
2 of Transportation for any request for advance acquisition due to hardship that is denied by an
3 authority. All hearings held by the Department under this subsection shall be conducted in
4 accordance with procedures established by the Department pursuant to subsection (b) of this
5 section. Any decision of the Department pursuant to this subsection shall be final and binding.
6 Any property determined eligible for hardship acquisition shall be acquired within three years
7 of the finding or the restrictions of the map shall be removed from the property."

8 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to filings,
9 adoptions, or amendments before, on, or after that date.