RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE CAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY RAILWAY DEPOT PROJECT FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking applications to fund quality projects that improve the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of North Carolina's transportation system and meet all the eligibility requirements for the Transportation Enhancement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission (PWC) wishes to partner with the state and local organizations including Cumberland County, the City of Fayetteville and the Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (FACVB) to interpret and preserve our historical treasures for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway Passenger Depot constructed in 1890 is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest remaining train stations in the state with great architectural and historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Plan developed by Robert Marvin to revitalize the heart of our inner city calls for the creation of an arts and historic plaza on the site of the Depot; and

WHEREAS, a narrated trolley tour of the Downtown National Register Historic District would give citizens and tourists a better appreciation of the historic significance of our area and its role in American history; and

WHEREAS, this project would provide a giant boost for downtown revitalization, tourism development and crafts vending activities thereby accelerating and improving our economic development efforts which benefit all citizens; and

WHEREAS, PWC has established an "Uptown Revitalization Fund" with an anticipated \$10 million funding level for special projects in the downtown area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purposes of meeting the local match requirements for funding awards, PWC authorizes (with City Council approval) the use of up to \$320,000 as needed from the Uptown Revitalization Fund for transportation enhancement program funding application if approved.

ADOPTED, this 25th day of August, 1999.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NC

Robert W. Saunders, Chairman

ATTEST:

Milton R. Wofford, Secretary