

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALTERNATIVE 4A AS A DESIGN FOR MODIFICATIONS TO EUBANKS ROAD AND NC 86 AS PART OF NCDOT PROJECT I-3306A FOR PROPOSED WIDENING OF I-40 FROM I-85 TO DURHAM COUNTY LINE (2019-01-30/R-7)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has initiated a project for widening I-40 in Orange County, which includes proposed modifications to Eubanks Road as part of reconstruction of the I-40 / NC 86 interchange; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has developed alternative designs for modifications to Eubanks Road and has shared them with the public for feedback in January of 2019; and

WHEREAS, alternative 4A and precursor designs depicted a realignment of Eubanks Road through the Northwood neighborhood that would necessitate the demolition of multiple homes and would create substantial negative impacts to the neighborhood fabric; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Northwood neighborhood submitted a petition to the Town of Chapel Hill which has now received more than 500 signatures, urging a design solution that does not endanger homes, property values, well and septic infrastructure, or neighborhood character; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board of the Town of Chapel Hill approved a statement at its meeting on January 22, 2019 opposing alternative 4A and recommending a plan that minimizes impacts on surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has been exploring additional alternatives such as the one shown on Map 4B which align Eubanks Road in a way that reduces impacts to the Northwood neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby states its opposition to the alternative 4A realignment of Eubanks Road, as depicted on NCDOT Public Meeting Map 4A, for this portion of the design for NCDOT Project I-3306A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is supportive of a design that does not significantly alter the alignment of Eubanks Road, and strongly encourages NCDOT to continue exploring such design options for additional opportunities to mitigate impacts on neighborhoods surrounding the project, support alternative modes of travel, and contribute positively to the character of Chapel Hill.

This the 30th day of January, 2019.