

I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2023-01-11/R-8) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on January 11, 2023.

This the 12th day of January, 2023.

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Deputy Town Clerk**



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIANGLE BIKEWAY
(2023-01-11/R-8)**

WHEREAS, Connect 2050, the Research Triangle Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan as adopted by both the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO in 2022, forecasts the region reaching a population of 3,180,000 and jobs of 1,880,000 by 2050; and

WHEREAS, according to Connect 2050, the planned highway network will not sufficiently serve projected numbers of trips adequately while still allowing the high quality of life currently enjoyed in the MPOs' planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the MPOs are tied together by very strong travel patterns between them, with the largest commute pattern and heaviest travel volumes occurring at the intersection of the MPOs' boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the region has a common vision of what it wants its transportation system to be: a seamless integration of transportation services that offer a range of travel choices to support economic development and that are compatible with the character and development of our communities, sensitive to the environment, improve quality of life, and that are safe and accessible for all; and

WHEREAS, the two MPOs have worked together to develop a consistent set of goals and objectives designed to achieve the region's vision, which in particular include: connecting people to jobs, education and other important destinations using all modes of transportation, increasing mobility options for all communities – particularly communities of concern, and promoting public health through transport choices by providing all residents with active transport options; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would serve as a commuter alternate to I-40 along a direct and mostly parallel path; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would provide potential links to existing and planned bicycle facilities and multi-use paths in Cary, Morrisville, Raleigh, RTP, Durham, Chapel Hill, Umstead State Park, and RDU Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would address the latent demand for active commuting if safe and convenient infrastructure were provided; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would address the multi-use purpose access of the trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, inline skaters, scooters, and wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would provide potential links to transit access in Cary, Morrisville, Raleigh and RTP, Durham, and Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would provide a more direct link for the East Coast Greenway through the Triangle. Current miles biked per year on the East Coast Greenway in the Triangle (from Durham to Clayton) are estimated at 11,225,000; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway development process included a comprehensive public engagement strategy utilizing input from residents, municipal and agency partners, key community stakeholders, and focus groups to provide critical evaluation during the project's development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council

supports regional implementation of the Triangle Bikeway, and exploring all public, political, institutional, and financial tools in achieving the Triangle Bikeway vision for the benefit of the greater regional community.

This the 11th day of January, 2023.