

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND A FINAL LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH BRT PROJECT (2020-06-17/R-4)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill approved the North-South Corridor Study (NSCS) Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), directed that it be included in the Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC) Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and approved submission of a request to enter the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program, Small Starts Project Development on April 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the NSCS LPA was approved entry into the FTA’s Capital Investment Program, Small Starts Project Development on November 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill received an update on a revised NSCS LPA on November 14, 2018 from Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) that was recommended by the Chapel Hill Transit Public Transit Committee and the NSCS Technical and Policy Committees; and

WHEREAS, CHT has completed extensive public outreach and meetings with various community, business, and institutional stakeholders along the North-South corridor to review the revised LPA; and

WHEREAS the revised LPA includes the following (see the **Map 1** with the alignment and guideway below):

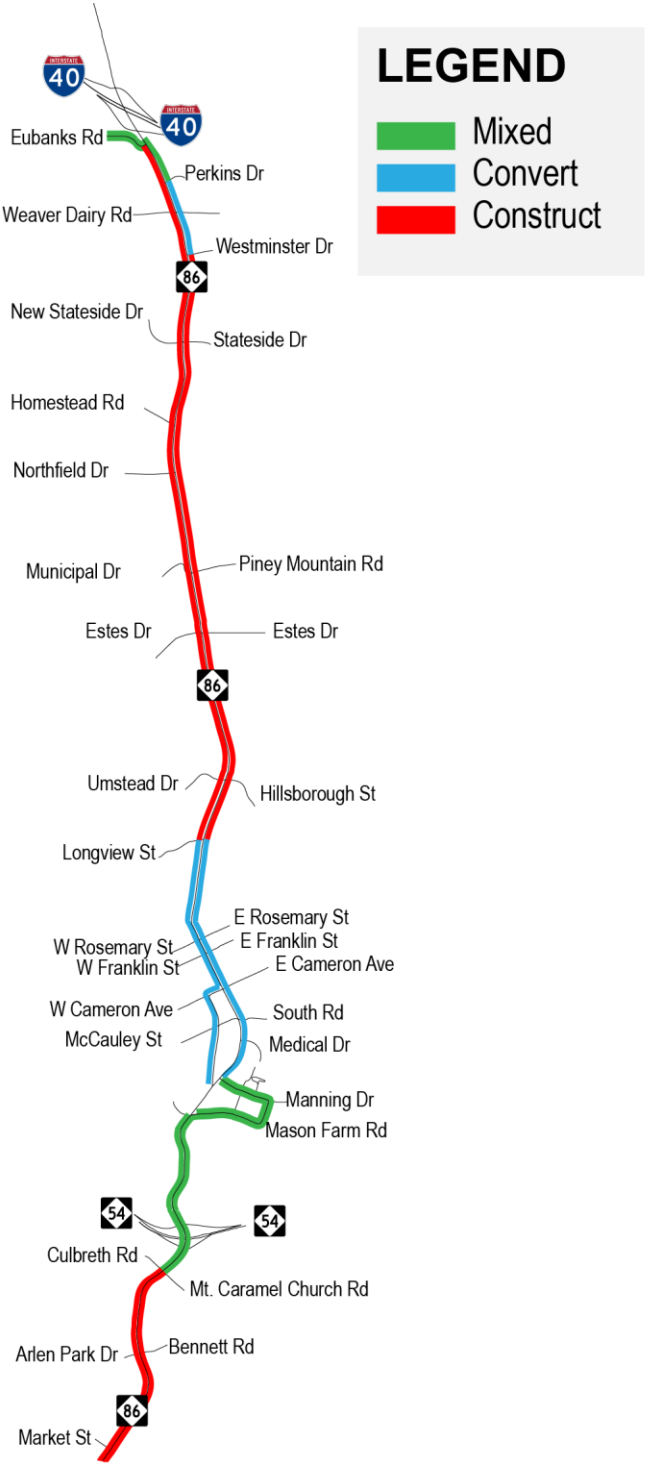
- New North-South BRT service between Southern Village and the Eubanks Road Park and Ride Lot at Carraway Village along South Columbia Street, Mason Farm Road, East Drive, Manning Drive, South Pittsboro Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and Eubanks Road with:
 - Construction of a dedicated curbside running BRT on US 15-501 (S. Columbia Street) from Market Street to Culbreth Road;
 - BRT in mixed traffic on NC 86 (South Columbia Street) from Culbreth Road to Mason Farm Road, along Mason Farm Road, East Drive and Manning Drive to NC 86 (South Columbia Street);
 - Conversion of one lane in each direction on NC 86 (South Columbia Street, South Pittsboro Street, Cameron Avenue, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) for curbside running BRT from Manning Drive to Longview Street;
 - Construction of a southbound dedicated curbside running BRT on NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) between Longview Street and Eubanks Road
 - Construction of a northbound dedicated curbside running BRT guideway on NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) between Longview Street and Westminster Drive
 - Conversion of a northbound lane of NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) for curbside running BRT between Westminster Drive and Perkins Drive
 - BRT in mixed traffic on northbound NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) between Perkins Drive and Eubanks Road.
 - BRT in mixed traffic on Eubanks Road between NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) and the Eubanks Road Park and Ride Lot at Carraway Village
- Recommend a multi-use path or separated bike path and sidewalk for active transportation users on US 15-501 (South Columbia Street) between Southern Village and Culbreth Road and on NC 86 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd) between North Street and Eubanks Road
- Recommend intersection improvements to the benefit all users, and

WHEREAS, the BRT route south of North Street that was recommended in the April 2016 LPA remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby approves the revised North-South BRT LPA as described above and in the accompanying map, that it be included in the Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC) Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and for CHT to complete 30 percent engineering and environmental review of the revised LPA.

This the 17th day of June, 2020.

Map 1 – North-South BRT Revised Locally Preferred Alternative – June 10, 2020



LEGEND

- Mixed
- Convert
- Construct