

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CONNECTED ROADS PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CHAPEL HILL 2020 (2023-XX-XX/R-#)

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to update Chapel Hill's long range plans to address the transportation impacts of new development and to prepare for the upcoming Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) rewrite; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted the Mobility and Connectivity Plan as the guiding document for bicycle and pedestrian travel; and

WHEREAS, the Town does not currently have a roadway plan or an adopted method of dictating street connectivity with new developments; and

WHEREAS, road connectivity, where feasible, is considered a planning best practice; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of increased connectivity include reduced congestion, decreased carbon emissions, improved emergency response times, shorter trips, and increased alternative transportation use; and

WHEREAS, the Connected Roads Plan provides clear expectations for the development community and existing residents regarding new road connections; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Connected Roads Plan on May 2, 2023 and recommended that Council adopt the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bicycle-pedestrian connections will be adopted into the Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways plan and will be constructed as funding becomes available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts the Connected Roads Plan as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Chapel Hill 2020, as described in the June 14, 2023 meeting materials, incorporating the plan's recommendations, as appropriate.

This, the ____ day of _____, 2023.