

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SHAPING OUR FUTURE – A TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE INITIATIVE AS AN COMPONENT TO THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHAPEL HILL 2020 (2023-X-X/R-#)

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to update its long-range plans for the future of Chapel Hill in preparation for rewriting its Unified Development Ordinance, the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO); and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted a resolution on February 22, 2023 accepting the Shaping Our Future Transit Oriented Development Plan and to amend the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill seeks to increase access to multimodal transportation options; increase transit ridership; improve multimodal connectivity, and enhance transportation safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s “Complete Community” framework, adopted in 2022, explicitly identifies Transit Corridors as priority locations for “Where to Grow;” and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) route in 2019 for the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (NSBRT) route, located along Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to maximize the impacts of the capital investment in the NSBRT while meeting community housing, economic development, placemaking, equity, and sustainability goals in the NSBRT corridor and within one-half mile of NSBRT station areas (“transit-oriented development” or TOD); and

WHEREAS, the long-term success of high capacity transit projects like NSBRT depend on transit-supportive land uses in corridors and in station areas; and

WHEREAS, the goals, principles, and outcomes of transit-oriented development (TOD) are closely aligned with the Town’s policy, growth, and development objectives; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Town engaged stakeholders, neighborhood interest groups, general public, the private sector and institutions, identifying transit-oriented development (TOD) station area development typologies for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Town adopted *Charting Our Future a Future Land Use Map (FLUM)*, identifying five Focus Areas accommodating a substantial share of Chapel Hill’s future growth, including the NSBRT corridor, and also updated the Town’s Comprehensive Plan to include the FLUM; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Chapel Hill Transit was awarded a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant to define a framework for transit-supportive development and design principles in the NSBRT corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Town has simultaneously undertaken a Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) audit and visioning, investigating existing content and processes, and generating recommendations for implementing TOD and promoting high-quality development and design in the NSBRT corridor, in FLUM focus areas, and in the community, overall; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged stakeholders, neighborhood interest groups, general public, the private sector, and institutions through successive rounds of multi-level, multi-technique engagement processes; and

WHEREAS, the TOD planning and LUMO audit and visioning, collectively known as *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative* includes a market analysis, equitable accessibility and mobility assessment, development capacity assessment, and an implementation strategy identifying critical tasks, timelines, and responsible parties for recommended strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts the *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative*, as a component to the Comprehensive Plan incorporating plan's recommendations, as appropriate.

This the ____ day of _____, 2023.