

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING *SHAPING OUR FUTURE: A TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE INITIATIVE* AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
CHAPEL HILL 2020 (2023-05-10/R-7)**

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 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 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 long-term success of high capacity transit projects like NSBRT depends on transit-supportive land uses in corridors and in station areas; 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 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, the public, the private sector, and institutions in 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 six Focus Areas accommodating a substantial share of Chapel Hill's future growth, including the NSBRT corridor, and 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 (TOD) Planning Grant to develop 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 TOD planning and LUMO audit and visioning, collectively known as *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative* has engaged stakeholders, neighborhood interest groups, the public, the private sector, and institutions in TOD planning and the LUMO audit and visioning through successive rounds of engagement processes; and

WHEREAS, the Town has engaged stakeholders, neighborhood interest groups, the public, the private sector, and institutions in TOD planning and the LUMO audit and visioning through successive rounds of engagement processes; and

WHEREAS, the products of *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative* include 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 and sets a TOD policy framework for the Town;

WHEREAS, the Council adopted a resolution on February 22, 2023 accepting *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative* and called a hearing to consider adopting *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative* as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan – *Chapel Hill 2020*; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Planning Commission unanimously recommended that Council adopt and incorporate *Shaping Our Future* into the Town's Comprehensive Plan at their April 4, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, a request to open a legislative hearing to adopt the Complete Community Vision as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan – *Chapel Hill 2020* has been brought before Town Council simultaneously herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Complete Community Vision explicitly identifies Transit Corridors as priority locations for "Where to Grow;" and

WHEREAS, *Shaping Our Future* and the Complete Community Vision will both be considered for adoption on May 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative*, as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan – *Chapel Hill 2020*, as described in the May 10, 2023 meeting materials, incorporating the plan's recommendations, as appropriate.

This the 10Th day of May, 2023.