

**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 (2017-06-12/R-6) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on June 12, 2017.**

**This the 13th day of June, 2017.**

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Deputy Town Clerk**



## **A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE DURHAM-ORANGE TRANSIT STATION AREA PLANNING PROJECT (2017-06-12/R-6)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill seeks to maximize the community benefits of transit investments made in the town; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2017, staff from GoTriangle and members of the Gateway Planning team introduced a public design workshop to begin planning for appropriate land uses around six Chapel Hill transit stations identified in the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit Project; and

WHEREAS, from February 22 through February 27, 2017, staff from GoTriangle and members of the Gateway Planning team—in coordination with the Town of Chapel Hill, the City of Durham, UNC and UNC Healthcare—held a public design workshop that included a kickoff meeting, multiple public input sessions and a series of stakeholder group meetings that were centered around three groupings of station areas: (1) UNC Hospitals/Mason Farm Road, (2) Hamilton Road/Friday Center Drive/Woodmont, and (3) Gateway/Patterson Place (Durham); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017, the GoTriangle and Gateway Planning Teams provided the Council with a Progress Report about the February public design workshop; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 24, 2017, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees voted to approve Orange County's and Durham County's revised transit plans and their new cost-sharing agreement; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2017, the six advisory board and commissions that review development projects (Planning Commission, Community Design Commission, Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board, Historic District Commission, Housing Advisory Board, and Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board) were invited to participate and give input about the station area concepts and process for the Durham-Orange Transit Station Area Planning Project; and

WHEREAS, the general interests reflected by the six advisory board and commissions at the May 24, 2017 joint meeting included: affordable housing and a range of housing options, green and natural areas, public space, buffers and transitions, appropriate parking, quality and people-oriented design, public art, recreational opportunities and amenities, connectivity and accessibility for bicyclists/pedestrians/transit riders, walkable economic development, green building practices that minimize carbon emissions, and consideration of the Town's gateways; and

WHEREAS, the station area planning team has returned this evening to provide a project update and to propose a series of next steps to move the project from the planning phase to the preparation of design and development standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council endorses the proposed direction of the Durham-Orange Transit Station Area Planning Project, as summarized in the consultant's presentation this evening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to continue working with the six advisory boards and commissions to develop more detailed guidance for staff from GoTriangle and their consultants as they draft appropriate design and development standards for the Council's consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Town Manager to continue collaborating with UNC, UNC Healthcare, other institutional partners such as the State Employees' Credit Union and community stakeholders to promote outcomes of the Durham-Orange Transit Station Area Planning Project that serve the needs of the project partners, the community, and the Town.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.