

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE DURHAM-ORANGE LIGHT RAIL
PROJECT (2015-09-28/R-8)**

WHEREAS, in November, 2011 the Town Council held a Public Forum and received public comment on the Triangle Regional Transit Program Local Preferred Alternative (LPA); and

WHEREAS, in January, 2012 the Town Council endorsed the Triangle Regional Transit Program Local Preferred Alternative (LPA), which included Little Creek alignments C1 and C2; and

WHEREAS, in November, 2012 the Town Council endorsed the proposed 2040 Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which included the Durham-Orange Light Rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, GoTriangle has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluated alternative alignments for the light rail corridor between Durham and Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has reviewed the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Chapel Hill finds that the DEIS Preferred Alternative minimizes environmental impacts while promoting increased regional transit use and supportive land use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council endorses the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Preferred Alternative for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recommends that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board approve the Durham-Orange Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement Preferred Alternative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the staff comments to GoTriangle relating to the design of the light rail corridor and proposed station areas in Chapel Hill.

This the 28th day of September, 2015