RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE APPLICATION FOR A FY2017 USDOT TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF DURHAM

October 11, 2017

A motion was made by MPO Board Member _____and seconded by MPO Board Member _____for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is soliciting applications for the FY 2017 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program, a $500 million competitive grant program for surface transportation project capital investment projects; and

WHEREAS, USDOT will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region, with priority given to the following long-term outcomes: state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham is submitting an application for the conversion of the Downtown Durham Loop to Two-Way Traffic; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2017 Comprehensive Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this project will add pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities and improve access and create more transportation choices in the MPO region; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Loop creates a barrier between downtown Durham and nearby low-wealth neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, converting the Loop to two-way traffic and adding pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities will also increase access to jobs, education, and healthcare for some of Durham's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, converting the Loop will also support two key objectives of the MPO's long-range planning, connecting people to jobs and opportunities using all modes and ensuring that transportation needs are met for those who are economically disadvantaged, mobility impaired, and minorities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee supports the grant application for Two-Way Conversion of the Downtown Loop project, provided here on this, the 11th day of October, 2017.

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Stephen M. Schewel, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

I certify that Stephen M. Schewel personally appeared before me this day acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Date: October 11, 2017

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Frederick Brian Rhodes, Notary Public
My commission expires: May 10, 2020