

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT THE REPROGRAMMING OF REGIONAL TRANSIT FUNDS TO BUS
RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) IN WAKE COUNTY**

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____
for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) Board is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body for the DCHC MPO, as required by 23 CFR Part 134; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meet the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 134; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO is responsible for programming and coordination with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on prioritization of transportation projects for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project was to be the backbone of a major, regional transit system throughout the DCHC MPO jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, there were many partners that supported the D-O LRT project, including the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), which removed projects from SPOT consideration in order to help D-O LRT; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergence of a number of obstacles, the Board of Trustees of the Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority ("GoTriangle"), which is the project sponsor for the D-O LRT project, voted unanimously to recommend on March 27, 2019, that the cost-share partners discontinue planning and design of the D-O LRT project; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Commissioners resolved to discontinue funding for the D-O LRT project on April 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County Board of Commissioners resolved to discontinue funding for the D-O LRT project on April 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO Board resolved to discontinue funding for the D-O LRT project and remove it from consideration in the FY2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on April 10, 2019.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these decisions, the DCHC MPO remains committed to supporting safe, reliable, and affordable multimodal transportation options, which includes regional transit, that support the community goals of appropriate land use, affordable housing, job creation, and environmental stewardship throughout the Triangle.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board supports the programming of funds in the FY2020-2029 STIP to the transit project that is the highest scoring unfunded non-highway project in the region, T171930, Morrisville to Clayton BRT Service.

Damon Seils, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

I certify that Damon Seils personally appeared before me this day acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Date: May 8, 2019

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