

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
REPORT FOR THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

April 8, 2015

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 Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is the designated regional transportation-planning agency for the DCHC urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO Board has found that the MPO is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) manner in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require MPOs to address Environmental Justice (EJ) and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 mandates, “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance;” and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the DCHC MPO to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and other related non-discrimination Civil Rights laws and authorities; and

WHEREAS, historically, low-income and racial minority communities have been shown to carry undue burdens of the transportation system and face inequities in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, Limited English Proficiency individuals, low-income, and racial minorities often face difficulties participating in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the *2014 Environmental Justice Report for the DCHC MPO* is consistent with and furthers the goals and objectives of the DCHC MPO’s 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, the *2014 Environmental Justice Report for the DCHC MPO* continues a process to analyze the present and future transportation needs of EJ populations; and

WHEREAS, the *2014 Environmental Justice Report for the DCHC MPO* provides recommendations to increase participation in the 3-C planning process and enhance the mobility and equity of EJ and non-EJ populations in the DCHC MPO area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board does hereby adopt the *2014 Environmental Justice Report for the DCHC MPO* on this, the 8th day of April, 2015.

Mark Kleinschmidt, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

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

Date: April 8, 2015

Frederick Brian Rhodes, Notary Public
My commission expires: May 10, 2015