

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FELIX NWOKO FOR SERVICE TO THE
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO MPO**

January 12, 2022

A motion was made by Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) Board Member _____ and seconded by DCHC MPO Board Member _____ for approval of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko has managed the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko has helped to professionalize the MPO's organization and operation, creating many of the policies that now govern MPO Board decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko has played a pivotal role in developing the technical foundation for MPO planning in the Triangle; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko authored DCHC MPO's first three long-range plans; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko spearheaded the development of the Community Visualization, Employment Analyst, and Network Analysis, modeling tools that have been updated over the years and are still used to develop the MPO's long-range plans; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko led efforts to incorporate non-motorized trips into the Triangle Regional Model; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko was instrumental in establishing the framework for GIS analysis for MPO planning in the Triangle; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko's knowledge of federal policies and procedures pertaining to MPOs is unmatched; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko led efforts to have the MPO's apportionment of federal Surface Transportation block grant funds flow directly to the MPO, instead of to the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko authored two white papers about North Carolina MPO's inability to benefit from the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), which led to meetings between DCHC, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, these meetings and white papers changed the way that ISTEA was implemented in North Carolina and led to greater authority for MPOs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko recruited a diverse, knowledgeable, and talented MPO staff, with whom he has formed lifelong friendships outside of work; and

WHEREAS, Felix Nwoko developed an Historically Black College and University (HBCU) internship program to increase the representation of underrepresented groups in the transportation field; and

WHEREAS, the contributions Felix Nwoko has made to the DCHC MPO, his extraordinary dedication to his work and colleagues, and his convivial demeanor will be sorely missed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board hereby sincerely thanks Felix Nwoko for his three decades of service to the DCHC MPO, and wishes him the very best in the years to come, provided here on this, the 12th day of January, 2022.

Jenn Weaver, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

I certify that Jenn Weaver personally appeared before me this day acknowledging to me that she signed the forgoing document.

Date: January 12, 2022

Kayla Peloquin, Notary Public
My commission expires: May 9, 2026