

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT VISION ZERO DURHAM

August 10, 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, approximately 39,822 crashes have occurred in Durham County from 2010-2014 resulting in nearly 103 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, death and injury on our streets is unacceptable and serious crashes are preventable; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted people of color, low-income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, and households with limited vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily for maximum vehicular capacity and mobility, rather than the safe accommodation of all modes and users; and

WHEREAS, measures to make Durham's streets safer will encourage Durham residents and visitors to take more trips by walking, bicycling, and multiple modes such as walking to transit; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths to zero and increasing roadway safety through a combination of education, engineering, encouragement, evaluation, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of a complete government approach and community support of Vision Zero objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization is a policy body that coordinates and makes decisions on long and short-range transportation planning issues; and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization seeks to improve transit, pedestrian, bicyclist, and highway safety in its area; and

WHEREAS, several jurisdictions of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization participate in the "Watch for Me NC" program, a program that aims to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and deaths through a comprehensive, targeted approach of public education and police enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero Durham provides an additional framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board supports Vision Zero Durham, provided here on this, the 10th day of August, 2017.

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 she signed the forgoing document.

Date: August 10, 2017

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