

RESOLUTION OF THE DCHC MPO BOARD SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIANGLE BIKEWAY

June 8, 2022

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, Connect 2050, the Triangle Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan as adopted by both the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO (DCHC MPO) in 2022 forecasts the region containing a population of 3,180,000 and 1,880,000 jobs by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the planned highway network will not sufficiently serve projected numbers of trips adequately while still allowing the high quality of life currently enjoyed in the CAMPO and DCHC MPO planning areas; and

WHEREAS, the MPOs are tied together by very strong travel patterns between them, with the largest commute pattern and heaviest travel volumes occurring at the intersection of the MPO's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the region has a common vision of what it wants its transportation system to be: a seamless integration of transportation services that offer a range of travel choices to support economic development and that are compatible with the character and development of our communities, sensitive to the environment, improve quality of life, and that are safe and accessible for all; and

WHEREAS, the two MPOs have worked together to develop a consistent set of goals and objectives designed to achieve the region's vision, which in particular include: connecting people to jobs, education and other important destinations using all modes of transportation, increasing mobility options for all communities – particularly communities of concern, and promoting public health through transport choices by providing all residents with active transport options; and

WHEREAS, as described in the Triangle Bikeway Study the Triangle Bikeway would serve as a transportation alternative to Interstate 40 along a direct and mostly parallel path; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway provides potential links to existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities and multi-use paths in Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Durham, Chapel Hill, Umstead State Park, and RDU Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway addresses the latent demand for active transportation if safe and convenient infrastructure were provided, and multiple users of the trail including pedestrians, bicyclists, inline skaters, people on scooters, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway provides potential links to transit access in Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, RTP, Durham, and Chapel Hill, as well as the current and proposed locations of GoTriangle's Regional Transportation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway would provide a more direct link for the East Coast Greenway through the Triangle. Current miles biked per year on the East Coast Greenway in the Triangle (from Durham to Clayton) are estimated at 11,225,000; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Bikeway Study development process included a comprehensive public engagement strategy utilizing input from residents, municipal and agency partners including the N.C. Department of Transportation, key community stakeholders, , and focus groups to provide critical evaluation during the project's development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DCHC MPO Board supports the regional implementation of the Triangle Bikeway, and exploring all public, political, institutional, and financial tools in achieving the Triangle Bikeway vision for the benefit of the greater regional community.

Signature of Board Chair

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

Hillsborough, North Carolina

I certify that Jenn Weaver personally appeared before me this day to affix her signature to the foregoing document.

Date: June 8, 2022

David R. Miller, Notary Public
My commission expires: February 13,
2027