

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
POLICY AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN FOR THE
DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

February 10, 2021

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 the MPO to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process as it develops plans such as the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP); and

WHEREAS, meaningful public participation allows the MPO to produce regional plans that reflect regional and local priorities; 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, according to guidance from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), not identifying and accommodating people who have difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding English may be a type of national origin discrimination; 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 individuals, and racial minorities often face difficulties participating in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Public Involvement Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan for the DCHC

MPO have been updated to be consistent with and further the goals and objectives of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and USDOT guidance; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO, in response to federal regulations and Executive Orders, have revised the MPO Public Involvement Policy to include early and proactive public input and participation for residents, federal, and state agencies responsible for land use, environment, and economic development as well as environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO, through its Public Involvement Policy, supports early and continuing public involvement throughout its planning processes; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO Public Involvement Policy incorporates mechanisms for disseminating information to the public, including visualization, electronic accessible formats, and the MPO website; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO undertook a four-factor analysis to determine the actions that the DCHC MPO needs to take in the future to accommodate people with Limited English Proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the updated Limited English Proficiency Plan provides guidance on how the MPO will provide language assistance for people with limited English proficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Board does hereby adopt Public Involvement Policy and Limited English Proficiency plan on this, the 10th day of February, 2021.

Wendy Jacobs, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

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

Date: February 10, 2021

Frederick Brian Rhodes, Notary Public
My commission expires: May 10, 2025