

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND A REVISED LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR STUDY (2019-01-16/R-5)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill approved the NSCS North-South Corridor Study (NSCS) Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), directed that it be included in the Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC) Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and approved submission of a request to enter the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program, Small Starts Project Development on April 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the NSCS LPA was approved entry into the FTA's Capital Investment Program, Small Starts Project Development on November 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill received an update on a revised NSCS LPA on December 5, 2018 from Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) that was recommended by the Chapel Hill Transit Public Transit Committee and the NSCS Technical and Policy Committees; and

WHEREAS, CHT has completed public outreach and meetings with various community, business, and institutional stakeholders along the NSCS corridor to review the revised LPA; and

WHEREAS the revised LPA includes the following modifications from the LPA approved by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill on April 27, 2016:

- Eliminate consideration of an extension to the Durham Technical Community College Hillsborough campus from further study,
- Eliminate the center running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) guideway option from further study,
- Recommend that the following BRT guideway designs be carried forward for additional design and environmental analysis:
 - Mixed traffic operations on Eubanks Road,
 - Construction of a dedicated curb running BRT guideway between Eubanks Road and Estes Road, or conversion of a current lane for the BRT guideway
 - Either construction of and/or conversion of a dedicated curb running BRT guideway between Estes Road and North Street
- Recommend a multi-use path for active transportation users,
- Recommend intersection improvements to benefit all users; and

WHEREAS the BRT route south of North Street that was recommended in the April 2016 LPA remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby approves the revised NSCS LPA, that it be included in the Durham – Chapel Hill – Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC) Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and for CHT to complete 30 percent engineering and environmental review of the revised LPA.

This the 16th day of January, 2019.