

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION TO DELAY PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS IN NC 54 CORRIDOR (U-5774) IN ORDER
TO INCORPORATE HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT**

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____
for 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) Board is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body for the DCHC MPO, as required by 23 CFR Part 134; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meet the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 134; and

WHEREAS, the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project was to be the backbone of a major, regional transit system throughout the DCHC MPO jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO 2045 MTP still identifies the D-O LRT corridor as a primary high capacity transit corridor; and

WHEREAS, high capacity transit complements the land-use goals of both the City of Durham and the Town of Chapel Hill, and their efforts to develop sustainable, walkable communities that encourage walking, bicycling, and transit in lieu of travel in single-occupancy vehicles;

WHEREAS, the DCHC MPO remains committed to supporting safe, reliable, and affordable multimodal transportation options, which includes regional transit, that support the community goals of appropriate land use, affordable housing, job creation, and environmental stewardship throughout the Triangle;

WHEREAS, the portion of the NC 54 corridor from Fordham Boulevard in Chapel Hill to I-40 in Durham is currently in design for improvements, designated as STIP projects U-5774B, U-5774C, and U-5774F;

WHEREAS, the portion of U-5774 described above runs parallel to the D-O LRT corridor, and these projects previously incorporated the D-O LRT project and acknowledged the need for high capacity transit in this corridor;

WHEREAS, with the discontinuation of the D-O LRT project, there is still a need for high capacity transit services in this corridor;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation delay projects U-5774B, U-5774C, and U-5774F in order to incorporate high capacity transit into the design of the project.

Damon Seils, MPO Board Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

I certify that Damon Seils personally appeared before me this day acknowledging to me that he signed the forgoing document.

Date: June 12, 2019

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