RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

AUGUST 10, 2011

A motion was made by TAC Member DIANE CATOTI and seconded by TAC Member HIKE WOODARD 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 responsible for multi-modal long-range transportation planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, DCHC MPO has adopted a goal to develop a pedestrian and bicycle system that provides a safe alternative means of transportation, allows greater access to public transit, supports recreational opportunities, and includes off-road trails; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Board of Transportation adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2009 for implementation by the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT); and

WHEREAS, NCDOT is defining a comprehensive approach to creating complete streets thhrough their long-range planning, project development, and maintenance processes; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has released for public review a draft of Chapters 1 to 4 of the Complete Streets Planning and Design Guideline Framework; and

WHEREAS, complete streets are crucial components of transportation networks that provide mobility and safety for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users; and

WHEREAS, complete streets create long-term value for communities and sustainable transportation capacity and mobility; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors are increasingly seeking transportation choices as they choose where to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the first part of NCDOT's draft Framework provides for the application of complete streets in a variety of contexts, a variety of street types and flexible designs to accommodate all users, and an open and collaborative process for communities to work with NCDOT to plan and design complete streets.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee (DCHC TAC) expresses its sincere appreciation for NCDOT's efforts to broaden its vision for designing public streets for all users

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DCHC TAC supports the development of NCDOT's emerging guidelines for planning and designing complete streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DCHC TAC encourages NCDOT to continue their implementation efforts so that complete streets will provide for safe and comfortable travel by those who are driving motor vehicles, using transit, riding bicycles, or walking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DCHC TAC will continue to work collaboratively with NCDOT to plan, design, and implement complete streets, provided here on this, the 10th day of August, 2011.

Lydia E. Lavelle, TAC Chair

Durham County, North Carolina

I certify that Lydia E. Lavelle personally appeared before me this day acknowledging to me that she signed the forgoing document.

Date: August 10, 2011

Frederick Brian Rhodes, Notary Public

My commission expires: May 10, 2015