

Resolution to Support the Passage of the Transit Sales Tax Referendum

WHEREAS, a transit system that will maintain our quality of life with the projected growth in Durham County's population, direct that growth in smarter ways with lower environmental impact, give people more transportation choices, provide good jobs and economic opportunities, and realize social justice; and

WHEREAS, this election season, Durham County is the first jurisdiction in the state to hold a referendum to adopt a ½ cent sales tax to be used exclusively for transit, since such referenda were authorized by the NC General Assembly in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the referendum was preceded by development of a detailed "financial plan" for how revenues will be spent to encourage mobility; this plan calls for 3 phases – bus expansion, then commuter rail to Wake County, and finally light rail to Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is especially critical for the regional transit plan related to the financial plan: it is located midway between Orange and Wake Counties, and commuters come and go from many directions into and through the county; and

WHEREAS, the development of the proposed transit enhancements further complements, promotes, and integrates other multi-modal transit alternatives such as walking and bicycling activities and their associated benefits.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission supports the passage of the Transit Sales Tax Referendum.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Carter".

Scott Carter, Chair

Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission