

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIGHT RAIL AND REGIONAL TRANSIT INTO
CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, need for expanding transportation choices and mobility options is critical as travel within and around Concord, Cabarrus County and the greater Charlotte region is becoming more challenging due to the continued long term, rapid growth of our residential, business and tourism populations, which has led to worsening traffic conditions and longer travel times locally and regionally; and

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau's 2015 LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics indicates that 37,363 Cabarrus County residents are traveling into Mecklenburg County each weekday for work, and 15,313 Mecklenburg County residents are traveling into Cabarrus County each weekday for work; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte region is home to over 1.8 million people and is expected to grow to over 2.5 million by 2030; Cabarrus County's population is projected to grow over 60% by 2037; and

WHEREAS, the key to supporting this economic and population growth is a high capacity rapid transit system and regional transit mobility network integrated with land-use planning and economic development efforts to provide congestion mitigation, improve air quality, and foster a sustainable, economically vibrant and livable community environment which improves the quality of life and attracts businesses and people to Concord, Cabarrus County and the region; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Concord and Kannapolis, in partnership with Cabarrus County, are completing the 20 year Cabarrus County Long Range Public Transportation Plan, which identifies the need extend into Concord and Cabarrus County the Charlotte Area Transit System's (CATS) Lynx Blue Line Light Rail line, as well as develop other forms of rapid and local transit choices such as Commuter Rail (CR), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), to improve accessibility to and from Concord, Cabarrus County and other parts of the Greater Charlotte area; and

WHEREAS, based on the North Carolina Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Law, public transportation projects with service spanning two or more counties and serving more than one municipality are eligible for funding at the Regional Impact Tier; and

WHEREAS, the CATS Blue Line Light Rail has proven to be successful in stimulating economic growth and investment via Transit Oriented Development in excess of \$3.5 billion, the City of Concord supports, at a minimum, an extension of the CATS Lynx Blue Line light rail corridor extending to The Grounds At Concord economic development site, as well as other potential locations in Concord and Cabarrus County such as Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Concord Mills corridor and Concord-Padgett Regional Airport; and

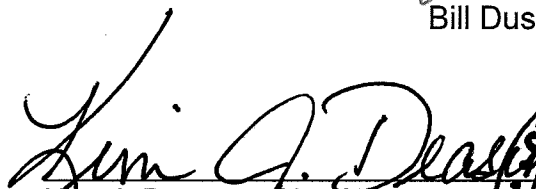
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Concord supports the extension of the CATS Lynx Blue Line light rail corridor into Concord and Cabarrus County.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CONCORD
NORTH CAROLINA


Bill Dusch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim J. Deason, City Clerk

