

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: J.B. Culpepper, Planning Director  
Steve Spade, Transit Director  
David Bonk, Long Range and Transportation Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Authorization to initiate public comment process for Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan

DATE: June 22, 2009

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Council with an update on the status of the development of the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan. Adoption of the attached resolution would authorize the Town Manager to initiate the public review process for the Long Range Transit Plan.

### **BACKGROUND**

On January 8, 2007 the Council authorized the Town Manager to contract with TranSystems, Inc. to prepare the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan in coordination with the Town of Carrboro and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Plan is anticipated to recommend a transit network intended to provide high quality transit services along major transportation corridors and throughout the Chapel Hill, Carrboro and University communities.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan Policy Committee, composed of elected representatives from Chapel Hill and Carrboro and senior administrators from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has directed the development of the Plan. Elements of the Plan have been incorporated into consideration of the development agreement for Carolina North and development of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Policy Committee is currently reviewing the final draft of the Long Range Transit Plan Report and expects that the final Report would be completed in July, 2009. We recommend that the Plan be provided to Town advisory boards and the public for review and comment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the Council authorize the initiation of a public comment process for the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan and set a public forum for October 12, 2009 to receive those comments.