

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: J.B. Culpepper, Planning Director
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SUBJECT: Process for Review of Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan

DATE: October 12, 2009

PURPOSE

This memorandum proposes a process for review and adoption of the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan. Adoption of the attached resolution would refer the Plan to Town advisory boards and set a Public Forum for February 15, 2010 to receive public comment.

BACKGROUND

The Long Range Transit Plan Policy Committee, composed of elected officials from Chapel Hill and Carrboro and administrators from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, provided oversight in the development of the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan. In July, 2009 the Policy Committee received the Plan and referred the Plan to Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the University for review and comment. The Committee also recommended the use of the analysis included in the Plan as the basis for more detailed transit planning. We have attached the Plan Executive Summary for your information. (Attachment 1) The full report can be viewed on the Town website at <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1284> .

DISCUSSION

The Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan evaluates the need for additional transit services to meet the projected growth in the Chapel Hill Carrboro service area. The Plan analyzes transit demand along major transportation corridors and proposes a series of transit improvements designed to meet future demand. The recommendations of the Plan are consistent with the information provided to the Council during their consideration of the Carolina North development agreement.

We propose that the Town Council refer the Plan to the Planning Board, Transportation Board, Bicycle, Pedestrian Advisory Board and Sustainability Committee and set a public forum for February 15, 2010 to receive public comment. In addition to presentations to advisory boards we also propose to hold public information meetings in Chapel Hill and Carrboro in October and November, 2009. We suggest that the Council consider adopting a final Long Range Transit Plan in March, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the attached resolution referring the Chapel Hill Long Range Transit Plan to advisory boards and set a public forum for February 15, 2010.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chapel Hill and Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transit Plan (begin new page 1).