

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE
“TRAFFIC SEPARATION STUDY
FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA”

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the City of Durham, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority entered into an agreement on June 27, 2011 for the performance of a comprehensive Traffic Separation Study (TSS) of highway/railroad public at-grade crossings within the city limits along the North Carolina Railroad (NCR) corridor from Neal Road to E. Cornwallis Road;

WHEREAS, the State, City, Norfolk Southern and Triangle Transit desire to improve safety at existing highway/railroad public at-grade crossings in order to benefit traffic circulation and improve safety within the NCR corridor;

WHEREAS, the NCR corridor is projected to have significant increases in rail traffic with the implementation of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project, commuter rail and freight rail services which will adversely affect at-grade crossings of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and further recognize that a comprehensive study was necessary due to the complexity of the study corridor;

WHEREAS, the comprehensive Traffic Separation Study and engineering analysis was prepared with extensive public engagement through public workshops and meetings, stakeholder meetings, and a public hearing held by the Durham City Council on October 21, 2013 with a public comment period extending through November 19, 2013;

WHEREAS, the study partners have agreed to make a “good faith effort” to adhere to the overall study recommendations by endeavoring to implement the safety improvement recommendations that are agreeable to all parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Durham that it does hereby accept the recommendations of the “Traffic Separation Study for the City of Durham, North Carolina” with the understanding that the implementation of the long-term recommendations will only be advanced with project-specific studies and public engagement in collaboration with and approval by the City of Durham.