



HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, representatives from the county, municipalities, the University of North Carolina, and Triangle Transit have worked collaboratively to develop the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (OCBRIP), a comprehensive bus service improvement plan that supports the effort to improve public transit in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the recently passed one-half (½) cent sales tax and \$7 county vehicle registration tax are funding sources to support OCBIP implementation; and

WHEREAS, The Local Government Public Transportation Sales Tax Act requires that the financial plan for the OCBIP provide for equitable use of the net funding proceeds and consider: (i) the identified needs of local public transportation systems in the district, (ii) human service transportation systems within the district, and (iii) expansion of public transportation systems to underserved areas of the district; and

WHEREAS, reliable transportation is an important part of the ability to access employment, medical services, and activities that generally promote quality of life; and

WHEREAS, 2010 Census data indicate high numbers of transit-dependent populations in Orange County, of which many live in the northern, rural areas and local data estimate that at least 3,000 Orange County residents live more than one mile from a bus stop or medical facility and do not own a car; and

WHEREAS, Orange County community members identified access to health care services and the impact of transportation systems on quality of life among their top 10 health priorities in both the 2011 and 2007 Orange County Community Health Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Health identified Access to Care in the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, many Orange County Health Department clients are considered “transit-dependent” populations at risk of lacking access to reliable, accessible transportation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Orange County Health Department is to enhance the quality of life, promote the health, and preserve the environment for all people in Orange County, NC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of February, 2014, we the Orange County Board of Health support improving and expanding public transit access for vulnerable Orange County residents, especially in rural areas of the county with limited access to bus or other public transit.

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