

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE FEDERAL
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, bicycle and pedestrian facilities have been an important part of the Town of Carrboro's transportation investments; and,

WHEREAS, sidewalks, bike lanes, and greenways allow residents safe and convenient access to jobs at UNC and other places of employment, make it safer for children to walk or bike to school, and give everyone more options for how they want to travel; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent federal transportation bill, MAP-21, signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012, established the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund walking and cycling projects; and,

WHEREAS, while the TAP is a positive sign that Congress continues to recognize the importance of walking and bicycling as transportation modes, it includes provisions allowing some funding to be applied to projects that may have benefits but may not improve bicycle and pedestrian safety or level of service; and,

WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020*, the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan, the Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and other plans and policies adopted by the Board of Aldermen contain several objectives relating to bicycle and pedestrian improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that:

1. The Board authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to the Town's legislative delegation conveying the Board's priorities with respect to the Transportation Alternatives Program.
2. The Town should continue to coordinate with MPO members on TAP funding priorities at both the TAC and TCC levels.
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This is the 1st day of October in the year 2013.