

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
CONSIDER A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON OLD HIGHWAY NC 86 IN CARRBORO NORTH
CAROLINA

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro, recognizes that the current speed limit on Old Highway NC 86 from SR 1107, Old Fayetteville Road to 2,500 feet north of the intersection of SR 1727, Eubanks Road varies from 35 to 45 miles per hour, and

WHEREAS the Town of Carrboro is a Road to Zero, Vision Zero, and Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community, long committed to developing and maintaining a system of public rights of way that allow for safe travel and transportation choices for all purposes, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro joins with and appreciates NCDOT in creating complete streets that serve the needs of all North Carolinians to safely travel our public ways, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro has previously requested studies of and adjustments to speed limits along this stretch of roadway, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro recognizes that Carrboro serves as the home base and gateway to southern Orange and northern Chatham County for thousands of road cyclists each year, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro sees demand growing as the Mountains-to-Sea, local and regional biking and walking routes grow in their connectedness, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro receives requests from residents, businesses, and visitors to improve safety along these roadways so that more families can participate in healthful outdoor activities such as walking and bicycling for regular transportation, for improving their health, and for recreation, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro acknowledges the Scenic Byway designation bestowed on this roadway for its cultural significance that dates to the earliest inhabitants of this land, ancestors of the Oconeechee, the Saponi, the Sissipahaw, the Tutelo, and others, its connection to the founding of this nation, the United States of America, for its winding turns, its long, tree-lined vistas, and the important role it has played and continues to play in all aspects of life, and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro knows of the risks, evidenced by the recent fatal accident involving a long-time, local resident, and the potential for dangers to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as the properties along Old NC 86 change from fields and forest to new homes and businesses if the speed limits remain as they are.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro formally request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider reducing the speed limit on Old NC 86 to no more than 35 miles per hour from SR 1107, Old Fayetteville Road to 2,500 feet north of the intersection of SR 1727, Eubanks Road.

ADOPTED, this the 29th day of November in the year 2023