

Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Resolution to Amend the Durham Comprehensive Plan To Require Development Connectivity

- Whereas,** the Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the Durham Board of County Commissioners and makes recommendations regarding bicycle and pedestrian use; and
- Whereas,** the citizens of Durham have shown an interest in bicycle and pedestrian use and have supported bond funding for trail construction, pedestrian and bicycle facilities along with sidewalks in the City and County; and
- Whereas,** numerous benefits result from bicycle and pedestrian activity including an alternate non-motorized transportation option and, by enhancing the health, well being and quality of life for our citizens and promoting community investment, economic growth and development; and
- Whereas,** BPAC has been actively investigating means of requiring private developments to provide for the safe and dedicated use of bicycling and walking as a means of transportation within the development, as well as access for bicycles and pedestrians from within private developments to adjacent and near bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and
- Whereas,** the City and County have recognized the need for bicycle and pedestrian use in the City and County in new developments in the Comprehensive Plan (§§4.4, 4.5, 8.1.4) and in the Unified Development Ordinance (§§3.5.4, 3.5.6, 3.5.6c); and
- Whereas,** the Planning Commission relies on the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to define criteria for development; and
- Whereas,** part of the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and the UDO is to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian needs are fully addressed; and
- Whereas,** on-road bicycle routes, pedestrian facilities, and trail inventories are available electronically through the City's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department; be it therefore
- Resolved** that BPAC recommends the Durham City Council and Board of County Commissioners amend the Durham Comprehensive Plan to provide that the UDO shall require all development plans, site plans and subdivision plans to graphically designate a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle system that not only connects all elements within the development, but also connects the development to adjacent and nearby (to the extent possible) developments, bicycle and pedestrian systems, trail, greenways, open space and transit stops; be it further
- Resolved** that BPAC recommends the Durham City Council and Board of County Commissioners amend the Durham Comprehensive Plan to provide that the UDO shall require all development plans, site plans and subdivision plans to include a Plat

which clearly identifies existing and planned bike, pedestrian, trail and transit routes and stops, schools and park facilities within ½ mile on all sides of the development.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2006

Heather Fisher, Chair
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission