RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 449-A

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
SOUTHERN GATEWAY CORRIDOR STUDY REPORT

WHEREAS, the city of Raleigh is empowered to adopt a Comprehensive Plan to identify policy guidance by North Carolina State Statute NCGS S 160A-383; and

WHEREAS, the city of Raleigh adopted the 2030 Comprehensive Plan by resolution 2009-997 on October 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the city of Raleigh embarked on an area planning process for the area generally defined as the Southern Gateway, bound by Western Boulevard to the north, Tryon Road to the south, Lake Wheeler Road to the west and Hammond Road to the east, with primary focus on South Saunders and South Wilmington streets; and

WHEREAS, the study report identifies the community's vision and framework to guide future improvements and redevelopment opportunities within the Southern Gateway Corridor study area; and

WHEREAS, the city conducted more than 10 official public meetings to gather input regarding the vision for the area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the corridor study is to provide recommendation for improvements to the Southern Gateway Corridor area for infrastructure, streetscape, transportation, transit, greenways, land use, and urban design elements; and

WHEREAS, the plan serves larger public interest by improving connections between neighborhoods, enhancing pedestrian walkability, increasing bicycle and greenway networks, improving transportation and transit connections within and to the area, and supporting economic and redevelopment opportunities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the study recommendations improve mobility options, enhance overall connectivity, eliminate gaps in the street system, and provide higher street network density that will increase accessibility to nearby land uses, to transit, and to Downtown; and

WHEREAS, the study recommendations are consistent with several Comprehensive Plan policies that support transportation and transit improvements, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, greenway connections, and mixed uses at nodes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transit-oriented corridor along South Wilmington Street aligns with the Wake County Transit Plan and helps promote the city's goals of enhancing transit alternatives to the automobile; and

WHEREAS, extensive community outreach efforts were implemented to produce a report and recommendations that responded thoughtfully to the needs, addressed issues, and documented a long-term vision largely supported by the community and its stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the report and recommendations were reviewed and discussed with extensive public input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA that the Southern Gateway Corridor Study report, as attached, be adopted.

Adopted: February 7, 2017

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