

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-021(b)

TO ADOPT THE CMCOG COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH
PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN SOME TYPE OF HIGH
CAPACITY TRANSIT IN OUR REGION

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WHEREAS, increasing modes of travel, such as transit, walking and bicycling, offers the potential for cleaner air, greater health of the population, reduced traffic congestion, more livable communities, less reliance on fossil fuels and their foreign supply sources, and more efficient use of road space and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands region has grown in both population and employment and has thus begun to experience a greater rise in traffic congestion, wherein providing transportation options, like transit (and commuter rail in the long run), will help maintain quality of life and lessen the need for investment in roadways; and,

WHEREAS, land use patterns that are supportive of high-capacity transit can help create developments that will establish a larger base of potential riders than may otherwise be expected; and,

WHEREAS, transit-supportive communities are livable communities, which include well-designed developments of living and working spaces where daily activities can be accomplished by walking and are conveniently served by transit; and,

WHEREAS, the CMCOG Board of Directors on June 22, 2006 adopted the CMCOG *Commuter Rail Feasibility Study* to foster the establishment of regional land use policies that would play a major role in the future viability of rail transit in the Central Midlands region; and,

WHEREAS, the CMCOG *Commuter Rail Feasibility Study* examines three corridors in the region (Newberry to Columbia, Camden to Columbia, and Batesburg-Leesville to Columbia) that exhibit characteristics most suitable for some type of commuter rail investment; and,

WHEREAS, the CMCOG *Commuter Rail Feasibility Study* envisions and encourages the establishment of transit-supportive developments and facilities, in order to reduce the dependence on the use of automobiles and improve air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the CMCOG Commuter Rail Feasibility Study outlines a series of action steps that can be taken now to build toward future high-capacity transit service; and, NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council this 6th day of June, 2007 that the City of Columbia fully endorses the strategies, projects and principles as outlined in the CMCOG Commuter Rail Feasibility Study, but the City of Columbia does not commit any City funds or monetary support to the CMCOG Commuter Rail Feasibility Study.

Requested by:

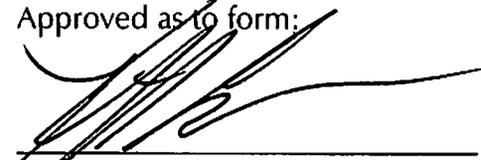
Dana Turner, Assistant City Manager


Mayor

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


Interim City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 6/6/2007
Final Reading: 6/6/2007

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EXHIBIT "A"

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Copy of the *FINAL REPORT Commuter Rail Feasibility Study for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina prepared by Central Midlands Council of Governments dated July, 2006* to be attached.

[ACM Turner states that complete copies of the underlying report were previously provided to Mayor and City Council.]