

# Intentional and Coordinated Transportation and Land Use

**OBJECTIVE:** We need housing, jobs, schools, community resources, and services intentionally planned in coordination with the transportation needed to easily reach them. We need a transportation system that allows all residents, especially Black and Hispanic/Latino, low-wealth, and houseless residents, youth, seniors, and people with disabilities, to safely, easily, and affordably access the resources they need to thrive.

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**BACKGROUND:** Poor coordination between new developments and transportation plans has created challenges for residents moving around Durham and to surrounding communities. Currently, residential development is often proposed on undeveloped land far away from existing services and transit connections. The roads in these areas are not designed to safely connect people to resources through multiple modes. Currently, our public transit system requires downtown connections, has limited connections within Durham, and has sparse service to more affordable outlying areas. This leaves many residents without easy or direct access to the places they need and want to go to in our community, especially healthcare and other key services. With limited options, people are forced to drive cars, resulting in excessive amounts of land in Durham dedicated to parking that could otherwise serve other uses that improve residents' quality of life.

We want to ensure that new mixed-use development areas are served by existing or new high-quality transit. We want transportation services equitably planned in coordination with new development so that all residents, especially those who cannot access a car, can still reliably get to where they need to go. We want coordinated land use and transportation planning that reduces auto emissions and decreases personal costs for transportation so that our community can sustainably and resiliently thrive into the future.

## Quotes from Durham Residents

“Neighborhood walkable amenities such as grocery, pharmacy, and restaurants”

“Decentralizing bus hubs to help influence transfers, preventing people from going out of their way”

“In an ideal Durham, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers would have access to connect their homes to their needs and entertainment with roads that are appropriate for every need.”

“Keep the bus transit going with proper sidewalks to get to transit area. Some people don't have cars need for getting to work, doctors' appointments and to get to grocery stores”

“A transit system could allow for people living outside of town (where housing is cheaper) to still be able to get into and back out of the city easily and ease the amount of road traffic.”

“What the city has done has created more sprawl to Mebane, to Sanford. Creating longer commutes, more pollution. Rocky MT-Wilson is now a bedroom community of Raleigh.”

“Traffic congestion. Cars are the only way to get around. Don't want to go downtown.”