RESOLUTION NO. 97-M-45

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING WHEN TRANSPORTATION AREA STUDIES AND ROADWAY CONCEPTUAL ANALYSES SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

A. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners finds that:

1. Transportation planning is necessary to the sound and orderly functioning and development of Orange County.

2. County staff is responsible for the creation and implementation of transportation area studies and roadway conceptual analyses.

3. Transportation plans, to be effective, must be coordinated with other planning efforts and be subject to adequate public review and comment.

4. The Orange County Comprehensive Policy Plan Traffic Circulation Element Objective 1.4 promotes the coordination of the Traffic Circulation and Future Land Use Elements and Objective 1.7 is designed to ensure public participation in the planning of future transportation systems.

5. The Orange County Planning and Zoning Commission, functioning as the
Local Planning Agency, is charged with reviewing and evaluating the comprehensive planning effort, taking public input and making recommendations on such comprehensive planning efforts to the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Based on the foregoing findings it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to utilize the Local Planning Agency in Orange County’s transportation planning efforts.

Section 2. Local Planning Agency Assigned Transportation Planning Duty. Pursuant to Orange County Code Section 30-1(d)(5), the Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the Local Planning Agency the assigned duty to review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on:

A. Those Transportation Area Studies and Roadway Conceptual Analyses (RCA) pertaining to arterial and collector roads included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

B. Those certain other major transportation projects which are included in the Capital Improvements Plan (and are not transportation area studies or RCAs) when such projects are specifically requested for review by either the County Chairman or the District Commissioner in whose district the roadway lies. A major transportation project for purposes of this resolution shall be defined as a project which takes a two-lane road to a multiple through lane road.

Section 3. Procedures. County transportation area studies, RCAs, and major transportation projects shall be processed by County staff in accordance with the following schedule:
A. Upon a need and appropriate funding being identified, from whatever source, County staff shall initiate a transportation area study, RCA, or major transportation project, as the case may be.

B. For a transportation area study or RCA, prior to ninety percent (90%) completion, County staff shall refer the study or RCA, as the case may be, to the Local Planning Agency. For a major transportation project, prior to ninety percent (90%) completion of the project analysis, County staff shall forward a synopsis of the draft project analysis to the County Chairman and the District Commissioner in whose district the roadway lies. Upon a request from either the County Chairman or the District Commissioner, County staff shall refer the project analysis to the Local Planning Agency. The Local Planning Agency shall, upon such transmittal, review the study, RCA, or major transportation project analysis for coordination and compatibility with the Comprehensive Policy Plan. The Local Planning Agency recommendation shall be made within a reasonable time, but no later than within 60 days after the time of reference. If a recommendation is not made within the time provided, then the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to resume processing the study, RCA, or major transportation project analysis as set forth below.

1. Upon a Local Planning Agency recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners finding the study, RCA, or major transportation project analysis coordinated and compatible with the Comprehensive Policy Plan, County staff shall proceed with processing the study, RCA, or project analysis. Such processing may include additional public participation meetings and shall include a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners to approve
the study, RCA, or major transportation project.

2. Upon either a Local Planning Agency recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners finding the study, RCA, or major transportation project analysis is not coordinated and compatible with the Comprehensive Policy Plan or the passage of 60 days from transmittal of the study, RCA, or project analysis to the Local Planning Agency without final action being taken by the Local Planning Agency, County staff shall schedule the study, RCA, or project analysis before the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and for further direction to County staff. Failure of the Local Planning Agency to take final action on a study, RCA, or project analysis for purposes of this subsection shall be considered a negative recommendation. The Board of County Commissioners may:

a) reject the recommendation, find the study, RCA, or project analysis coordinated and compatible with the Comprehensive Policy Plan, and have County staff proceed as set forth in Section 3B1 above.

b) consider the recommendation, make modifications to the study, RCA, or project analysis, then find the study, RCA, or project analysis coordinated and compatible with the Comprehensive Policy Plan and have County staff proceed as set forth in Section 3B1 above.

c) accept the recommendation, and either i) direct County staff to abandon the study, RCA, or project analysis or ii) direct County staff to modify the study, RCA, or project analysis and resubmit it to the
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]
for Linda W. Chapin
Orange County Chairman

DATE: OCT 28 1997

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk