

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

July 15, 2020

Mr. Robert D. Rivers
Director
City Planning Commission
City Hall – 7th Floor
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES STUDY

Dear Mr. Rivers,

In accordance with Section 5-402(5) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, I hereby direct the City Planning Commission (CPC) to engage in a study to review and provide recommendations regarding tools and mechanisms to increase residents' access to transit and establish transit oriented communities policies for the City of New Orleans.

The CPC shall hold a public hearing to receive comments on tools and strategies for consideration and shall coordinate this work with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). In the course of this review, the CPC shall summarize opportunities for changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO), and changes to the City's Master Plan, that support and complement the RTA's future plans for regional connectivity. The CPC shall also review and report on successful programs nationwide and consider incorporating housing opportunities, commercial uses, walkability, and accessibility measures.

Furthermore, in the process of conducting a public hearing and study as provided herein, the City Planning Commission and staff are granted the flexibility to expand the scope of the study and make all legal and appropriate recommendations deemed necessary in light of the purpose of the study, the requested review, and the public testimony resulting from this request.

Sincerely,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

cc: All Councilmembers
Gilbert Montañó, Chief Administrative Officer
Sunni LeBeouf, City Attorney
John Pourciau, Chief of Staff
Arthur Walton, Director of Intergovernmental Relations
Alex Wiggins, CEO, Regional Transit Authority

