



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020 - 3
SUPPORTING RACIAL JUSTICE**

Whereas, the purpose of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Planning Organization is to ensure that all voices in the community are represented during transportation planning decisions; and

Whereas, the extreme acts of racist violence and excessive force that led to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many other African Americans must be a call to action to all bodies of government that systemic changes are needed; and

Whereas, throughout the course of history, racial discrimination has been evident in transportation planning, transportation planning is one of those systems that must change. Governing bodies that plan transportation must recognize how the system has created and perpetuated racial inequities. Whether it be requiring African Americans to sit in the back of a bus, purposefully using freeways as a neighborhood-clearing tool to bulldoze, divide and box-in African American communities, or refusing to have transit come into certain parts of the city for fear that it would allow African Americans and other minorities to easily reach those communities, our country has time and again used transportation as a tool of freedom for some, but destruction for others; and

Whereas, locally, neighborhood clearing was manifested in the construction of I-275 and I-4 which were used to divide African American communities and eliminate the Central Avenue Business District; and

Whereas, on August 12, 2020, the CAC voted unanimously to recommend this resolution to the MPO;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization that:

1. We stand with those who peacefully protest for racial justice and we support ending racial discrimination in transportation planning, which includes ensuring more robust access to all modes of transportation with a more intentional focus on the needs of African American and other historically disenfranchised communities in Hillsborough County;
2. Staff is directed to develop action items in support of this resolution.

ADOPTED on this 31st day of August 2020

Hillsborough Metropolitan Planning Organization

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