



TOWN OF CARRBORO

NORTH CAROLINA

MEMORANDUM

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TO: David Andrews, Town Manager
Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planner

RE: Update on Town Transportation Projects and Initiatives

The town is involved in a number of transportation initiatives as summarized below.

- **Homestead-Chapel Hill High School Multi-Use Path:** The final design for the Homestead-CHHS Multi-Use Path is finished and the project is ready for construction. When completed the path will extend from the Claremont neighborhood to the Chapel Hill High School cross-country trail. The project was advertised in June for a July 9th bid opening, but only one bid was received. Since this was a formal bid, a minimum of three proposals were required, so the project was re-advertised on September 9th with the bid opening scheduled for on October 8th.
- **Morgan Creek Greenway:** This multi-phased greenway will begin at the bridge at Smith Level Road, connect to the cul-de-sac at Weatherhill Pointe along the north side of Morgan Creek and extend along the south side of Morgan Creek along the Berryhill neighborhood, and ultimately to University Lake. There will be a future spur that will connect to BPW Club Road. The project's current plans are 100% complete and have been submitted to NCDOT. The buffer authorization has been approved, the Stream buffer, and Sedimentation and Erosion Control approval are in hand. Town staff is starting to work on obtaining easements from property owners. Construction on this project is anticipated to begin in 2016.
- **Rogers Road Sidewalk:** This project to construct a sidewalk along the west side of Rogers Road from Homestead Road to Meadow Run Court is moving forward. Design plans are 90% complete and the majority of the affected property owners have either

provided executed deeds or have committed to executing deeds upon receiving compensation. Town staff is working to obtain commitment from the remaining property owners. Additional work is needed before the plans and cost estimate are ready to be sent to NCDOT for construction authorization.

- **Jones Creek Greenway:** This multi-use path is intended to connect the County's existing Jones Creek Greenway to the end of Lake Hogan Farms road, completing the off-road connection to Morris Grove Elementary school. This project is scheduled to be designed in FY 2016 and completed by October 2018. The funding is a combination of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and local match. Town staff anticipates initiating a municipal agreement with NCDOT within the next couple of months.
- **Bike Loop Detectors:** This project to install bike detection loops at four intersections in Carrboro is close to being ready to put out to bid. Construction plans are completed; Town staff is finalizing the project specification manual to submit to NCDOT for final construction approval. Once approved, Town staff will advertise the project and award the contract. Installation should be relatively straightforward.
- **Estes Park Bus Service:** Bus service to Estes Park apartments should be restored soon. Chapel Hill Transit has finalized a 10-year lease with property owners GSC for a bus turnaround within the apartment complex. Town staff has been working with Town of Chapel Hill staff to finalize construction plans, and anticipates that the Town of Chapel Hill will be submitting a land use permit in the near future. When the permit is approved they will request bids for construction of the turnaround.
- **Parking Plan:** The request for proposals for the Parking Plan was advertised for the second time on August 20th, with three proposals received by the September 10th due date. Town staff plans to refer the top two firms to the Board of Aldermen for presentations at the October 6th meeting.
- **Outdoor Seating Survey:** The surveys, designed to gauge the travel mode of outdoor diners in Carrboro, were distributed to twenty-one restaurants and cafes on August 20th. There are paper cards and a link to the survey online. Town staff has visited all of the restaurants since initial distribution to replenish their supply of surveys and collect completed ones. To date (9/9/2015) there are 17 online and 160 paper surveys completed.
- **Smith Level Road:** This project is well underway and is scheduled to be completed by January 2016. Town staff will be working with NCDOT on a landscaping plan for the corridor over the months leading up to project completion and beyond. Town staff received several complaints about the roundabout when it first opened on August 1st, and

coordinated with NCDOT to improve signage and lighting. Staff has not received any additional complaints since the improved notification.

- **Jones Ferry Road:** The contract for this safety improvement project from the south side of the NC 54 Bypass to the second Ridgeway Apartments driveway has been awarded and construction should start soon. The cross-section of the road will be one automobile lane in each direction, a median with turn lane, bike lanes (the eastbound lane will be buffered), and sidewalks. There will also be a signal with high-visibility crosswalks at the intersection of Jones Ferry Road and Davie Road. NCDOT anticipates that the project will take about a year to complete.

If any member of the Board would like additional information on any of the projects above, I am happy to discuss further.