

TOWN OF CARRBORO

Planning Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

Comments regarding the Bicycle Plan Update

The Planning Board would like to thank Alta and the Steering Committee for the hard work that went into this plan. Among other benefits, inventorying the long-term targets for bicycle infrastructure improvements gives us a reason to work together to identify additional funding.

We recommend that the Town Council adopt this plan, however we have a number of comments that we would like to see inform the plan and the Town's further actions regarding bike/ped access.

- The most underserved communities would remain disconnected after all priority projects are completed. The Town should seek all options to make connections between these areas (such as Lloyd/Broad, Barnes St, and Estes Ext) to adjacent neighborhoods as well as main corridors including N Estes Dr, Greensboro St, and Jones Ferry Rd.
- Where the long-term vision shows "Private Connection" opportunities, the Town should open dialogue with private property owners early. Collaboration with private street owners could open up new connectivity options for residents of apartment complexes who have no options besides Hwy 54 currently.
- The Town should also ensure the plan fully inventories infrastructure gaps around apartment complexes. These areas would also make good targets for future counts.
- The Town should consider the feasibility of acquiring easements to construct public bike/ped paths where informal paths currently are the main non-car connectors.
- Greenways can serve as essential connectors between streets.
- The disabled community appears to be underrepresented in the priority projects. The street-adjacent routes that have been prioritized are less accessible to trikes, wheelchairs, and other modes.
- Cost savings to enable faster progress through or expansion of the priority projects list could be found by pairing bike/ped improvements with stormwater/sewer or other infrastructure projects. Crossing improvements could also be good targets for addition to the priority projects list as they could benefit from safety or ADA funds.
- The Town Council should consider ways to further incentivize bike/ped connectivity of new development. Perhaps the recreation point scale could be adjusted to provide more incentive to trails over structures.

Motion was made by Sinclair; seconded by Poulton.

VOTE:

AYES: (9) Clinton, Foushee, Fray, Gaylord-Miles, Mangum, Posada, Poulton, Sinclair, Tooloe

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

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Catherine Fray

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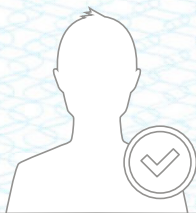


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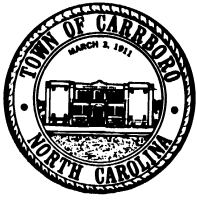
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TOWN OF CARRBORO

Transportation Advisory Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

Updated Bicycle Transportation Plan

Motion was made by Swan and seconded by Pcolar that the Transportation Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro recommends adoption of the Updated Bicycle Transportation plan, but that the additional comments also be considered:

1. Create an overlay of the racial equity map and the priority projects
2. Make GIS data from the plan available on the Town Webpage and keep it updated
3. Give the maintenance policy recommendation its own category of 'Continuous' (as opposed to short-term or long-term)
4. Include bus stops in maps that show bike facilities either within the plan or as part of the Town's GIS page
5. The plan feels too reasonable, and could be made more aspirational by adding more items to the 'Long Term Vision' narrative section including:
 - a. More emphasis on buffered/separated lanes, with visuals
 - b. Downtown Slow Zone
 - c. How to incorporate bikes into the 203 project: covered parking, bike lockers, bike loaner program

VOTE:

AYES: (6) Swan, Pcolar, Brown, Keefe, Haac, Alexander

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

(On behalf of Chair)

10/5/2020

(Date)



TOWN OF CARRBORO

Environmental Advisory Board

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

RECOMMENDATION

October 1, 2020

Updated Bicycle Transportation Plan

Motion was made by Kaufman and seconded by Brandon that the EAB recommends that the Town consider the following recommendations:

- The EAB would like to commend the work completed on this Plan.
- We are concerned that greenways are treated as potential future plans and therefore will not be included in this Updated Bicycle Transportation Plan. Greenways will be important to connect the northern and southern parts of Town. We recommend that the Town Council discuss greenways and their environmental impact soon. The EAB and climate advisory board should have the opportunity to provide input on this decision.
- We appreciate the Equity Map but want to make sure the Town has utilized it to its fullest extent by ensuring connections to neighborhoods. Some of the top ten priority projects should be from the higher need areas on the Equity Map.
- We recommend pairing transportation projects with environmental projects. For example, a greenway project could be paired with a riparian restoration or erosion control project.
- The Town should enforce parking rules within bicycle lanes, such as on Pathway Drive.

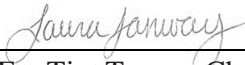
VOTE:

AYES: (5) Kaufman, Blanco, Turner, Schalkoff, Brandon

ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)


For Tim Turner, Chair

10-1-20
(Date)