

Advisory Board Updates

March 2024

Planning

- **Current Development**

Please see the attached table for information on development activity, including applications that have upcoming Advisory Board review. More information is available through the online [Development Activity Report](#).

- **Transportation Projects**

Please join us at 6pm, Thursday March 28th, 2024, at the Chapel Hill Library for a community conversation with Leah Shahum, founder of the national [Vision Zero Network](#). We will hear how our commitments to Vision Zero and Safe Routes to School can improve safety on our roads, sidewalks and greenways. Shahum brings two decades of experience championing movements to advance safe, healthy, active transportation, and is considered a leader in advocating for safe streets for all.

- a. [Estes Drive Bike-Ped Improvements](#) – Construction is nearing completion, and the job is expected to finish up in spring 2024. More details can be found on [the project webpage](#).
- b. [Estes Drive Extension](#) – This project will construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the railroad, where Carrboro has a similar project to continue to the end of Estes Drive Extension. The Town is finalizing scope of work with design firm and will kick off the project in the spring.
- c. [Bolin Creek Greenway Extension](#) – This project will extend the existing Bolin Creek Greenway from Umstead Park to Estes Drive Extension. The project design and engineering will be done in conjunction with Estes Drive Extension, which will begin in the spring. Staff will set up a project webpage and listserv in the coming months.
- d. [Cameron Ave Protected Bike Lanes](#) – This project will construct protected bicycle infrastructure along Cameron Avenue between Merritt Mill Road and S. Columbia Street. Staff will begin reviewing proposals for design and engineering services and hope to award a contract later this spring.
- e. [Morgan Creek Greenway](#) – Design for the east segment of the Morgan Creek Greenway from Merritt's Pasture to Oteys Road is funded and underway.
- f. [Homestead Road & Seawell School Road Sidewalk](#) – Construction is currently underway and expected to continue through August 2024. More information can be found on the [Homestead Road Connectivity Project](#) webpage.
- g. [North-South Bus Rapid Transit](#) – The project is currently working on 60% design. The project is recommended for a \$138 million Small Starts grant in the President's FY25 Budget. More information can be found on [the project webpage](#).

- **Long-Range Projects**

- a. **Rewriting Our Rules – A LUMO Update**

- i. Drafting of the revised LUMO is underway. The [LUMO Audit Report](#) and [Plan Alignment Memo](#) serve as a roadmap for anticipated improvements in the revised LUMO. To see updates on staff progress, view the recent Council Work Session [memo](#).
 - ii. Council members will continue providing input at Council meetings this spring. The next discussion is scheduled for April 24th.
 - iii. In-person Public Information Meetings are scheduled for March 25, April 29, and May 20 at 6pm. Virtual Public Information Meetings are scheduled for March 27, April 30, and May 22 at 12pm and 6pm.
 - iv. Please visit the [project website](#) for more information and sign up for the project newsletter to receive [email updates](#).

- b. **Water and Sewer Boundary Modification**

- i. The proposal is to expand the water and sewer boundary in the southern part of Chapel Hill along the US 15-501 corridor to the Chatham County line. The service area is commonly referred to as the Urban Service Boundary and is subject to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning Boundary Agreement (WASMPBA).
 - ii. Chapel Hill Town Council, as well as the Town of Carrboro, Town of Hillsborough, and Orange County Commissioners, have endorsed the proposal. OWASA is expected to act on the proposal at their board meeting in April.
 - iii. Please visit [the project webpage](#) for more information.

- c. **Greene Tract Master Plan**

- i. The Community Engagement consultant and Master Plan consultant are under contract.
 - ii. A community meeting will be held at Morris Grove Elementary School on Sunday April 14th from 2-5pm.
 - iii. Please visit [the project webpage](#) for more information.

Active Petitions

To see the current status of all petitions, visit <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/mayor-and-council/how-to-submit-a-petition/petition-status>.

Recent petitions submitted by Advisory Boards to Town Council:

Community Design Commission: [Requests Affordable Program for Blue Hill District](#).

Planning Commission: [Request Regarding Parking Policy](#).

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board: [Request for Support Regarding GoTriangle CRX Bus Route Changes](#).