

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor & Town Council

FROM: Matt Gladdek, Executive Director and Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board

SUBJECT: Conduct Traffic Impact Analysis before Restriping W. Franklin Street.

DATE: September 13, 2019

On behalf of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board, I present the following petition to the Town Council concerning West Franklin Street.

The Board met on Thursday, September 12, 2019, and unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Town Council.

“The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board recommends to the Town Council that the Town conducts a traffic impact analysis of West Franklin Street prior to NCDOT repaving W. Franklin, which is expected to happen next year. We ask the town to consider multiple designs that would:

- Increase or, at minimum, maintain on-street parking/loading zones.
- Potentially add protected bicycle lanes to W. Franklin St.
- Reduce crossing distances for pedestrians”

A Traffic Impact Analysis is required by NCDOT before changes to the street are approved.

The current street set-up on W. Franklin Street is unnecessarily fast and makes walking, dining, shopping, and being on W. Franklin Street less inviting for people. Additionally, bicycle accommodations are vital to the town’s sustainability goals and protected bicycle lanes on W. Franklin St. would allow parking and loading zones to be put back on Rosemary St. and reduce the current conflict with cyclists.

The Board appreciates your consideration of our petition.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew T. Gladdek'.

Matthew Gladdek
Executive Director