

## Amy Harvey

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** Dwight DeBree  
**Cc:** Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** RE: Future of Franklin Street

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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**From:** Dwight DeBree <dwight.debree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Cc:** magness@med.unc.edu; Pam Hemminger <pheeminger@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Future of Franklin Street

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Mayor and Town Council:

As the owners of 5 properties in the Franklin-Rosemary historic district neighborhood and the owners of a downtown Chapel Hill business, we most strongly encourage you to leave East Franklin Street (Raleigh Road to MLK) as it has been for the last 50+ years. We would also prefer to see West Franklin Street (MLK to Merritt Mill Road) returned to its pre-Covid form.

When East Franklin Street (Henderson Street to MLK) was modified to only 1 lane westbound during Covid, we experienced first-hand the extreme and frequent congestion that was caused due to the new traffic pattern. The traffic was frequently backed up all the way from MLK to past Raleigh Road. With the congestion, a large percentage of the vehicle traffic redirected onto the 200-300 block of East Rosemary Street, a street which is certainly not suited for the level of traffic volume that ensued.

To see that the town is now considering modifying East Franklin Street to 1 lane each direction all the way from Raleigh Road to MLK is extremely concerning. The traffic congestion that will result will lead to an enormous increase in traffic on the other roads in the Franklin-Rosemary historic district neighborhood. These roads (North Boundary Street, the 400-500 block of East Rosemary Street, the 400-500 block of North Street, Hillsborough Street) are clearly not intended to handle that volume of traffic. A significant safety concern will arise for residents and pedestrians and pets in those neighborhoods.

East Franklin Street and MLK are the only two large arteries providing access to our downtown. Cutting one of those arteries in half will be detrimental to the Franklin-Rosemary historic district neighborhood as well as further isolate downtown Chapel Hill businesses.

Thank you, Dwight and Scott

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2022 4:14 PM  
**To:** Catherine Williams  
**Cc:** Colleen Willger; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** RE: Opposition to Franklin Street Changes

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**From:** Catherine Williams <catrobwill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 3:55 PM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Franklin Street Changes  
**Importance:** High

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Hello,

I am unable to attend the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on this but I wanted to voice my concern with ALL options of Franklin Street changes in lanes and transfer of maintenance to the DOT.

I have been a downtown Chapel Hill resident for the past 9 years. I live off the 400/500 block of North Street which already has an issue with cars speeding on North while using it as a cut through street to Hillsborough. The neighbors and I have complained about this several times but have not yet been able get to anyone that will address our concerns.

**All options that close or diminish lanes on Franklin Street will in effect redirect traffic off Franklin Street onto**

**downtown neighborhoods nearby, particularly those with streets that run parallel to Franklin.** Therefore, I am vehemently opposed to ALL changes to Franklin Street except the first option of keeping the bike lanes. I personally would prefer no bike lanes in downtown since I think it just creates an atmosphere for accidents to encourage bikers downtown but that is the only option of the 5 that has any merit. These options that are being presented for changes to Franklin Street are all more focused on the enjoyment of people that do not live in downtown Chapel Hill and are not the residents who live here and that are paying higher town taxes. It is the residents of downtown Chapel Hill who are the ones that should determine whether this is appropriate or not since it will affect those who live downtown the most. I hope you hear our concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Catherine Williams  
3 Mint Springs Lane

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2022 9:54 AM  
**To:** karlamcpherson@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Lance Norris; Chris Roberts; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** FW: Message from Website

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**From:** info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:32 PM  
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**Form Name:** Contact Mayor and Council  
**Date & Time:** 10/05/2022 6:31 PM  
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**IP address:** [136.56.141.35](#)

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Submit the form below or email [mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org).

**1. Name**

Karla McPherson

**2. Residency\***

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

**3. Message**

I want to add my voice to those who object to making Franklin Street two lanes. Those of us who live on North Street already see speeding traffic. If more traffic is forced onto North, which narrowing Franklin will do, the quality of our quiet neighborhood will be damaged.

**4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.**

[karlamcpherson@gmail.com](mailto:karlamcpherson@gmail.com)

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Thank you,  
Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2022 12:15 PM  
**To:** Karla McPherson  
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**From:** Karla McPherson <karlamcpherson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Ferris, William Reynolds <wferris@unc.edu>  
**Cc:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Town's Future of Franklin Street Project

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Great letter. Better than mine!

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 10, 2022, at 7:30 AM, Ferris, William Reynolds <[wferris@unc.edu](mailto:wferris@unc.edu)> wrote:

# **Letter to Mayor Hemminger and Town Council**

## **Re: Town's Future of Franklin Street Project**

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To see that the town is now considering modifying East Franklin Street to 1 lane each direction from Raleigh Road to MLK is very upsetting. The congestion that will result from those changes will lead to an enormous increase in traffic in the Franklin-Rosemary historic district neighborhood. North Boundary Street, the 400-



500 block of East Rosemary Street, the 400-500 block of North Street, and Hillsborough Street are clearly not intended to handle that volume of traffic. A significant safety concern will arise for residents and pedestrians and pets in those neighborhoods.

For example, pedestrians—both local residents and students--walk along the 400-500 block of North Street throughout the day. Because there are no sidewalks on either side of the street, they often walk in the street. Because cars are parked along one side of the street, traffic is restricted to one lane when large trucks approach.

Commuters regularly cut through our neighborhood from Franklin Street to Hillsborough Street. They are identifiable because of their speed, and they often do not observe stop signs. Increasing such traffic will clearly increase the risk of accidents in our neighborhood.

East Franklin Street and MLK are the only large arteries that provide access to our downtown. Cutting one of those arteries in half will both threaten the Franklin-Rosemary historic district neighborhood and isolate downtown Chapel Hill businesses.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Marcie and Bill

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