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**Subject:** RE: Help needed with Culbreth Rd

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,

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Dear Mayor and town council,

I really appreciate you reading this!

I have been conversing with Bergen Watterson, the Transportation Planning Manager, who has been awesome! I am really proud to live in a city with someone like Bergen fighting for changes. I really appreciate what he is doing to enable more pedestrian and bike pathways (including the new street paths) to create safer travel for our residents.

One of the roads we have discussed is Culbreth Road, which runs in front of Culbreth Middle school connecting Smith level Road to 15-501 (S. Columbia). I requested that this road adds bike lanes, and Bergen agrees, this is something he has already been pushing hard for. **Culbreth is scheduled to be resurfaced this summer.**

This road contains a middle school, houses directly on the road, houses that backup to the road, apartments, a church and an assisted living facility. There is no need for this road to be a highway (especially since its nearby to highway 54 and 15-501 making it redundant.

The NCDOT has required Bergen (e.g. all of us) to **provide funding for a traffic analysis.** We apparently don't have the budget.... but I am really wondering why we have to prove this at all when our literal transportation planning manager and residents don't want it.

I also noticed on the upcoming preview of the Chapel Hill Town Council Virtual Meeting

#### Revised Climate Action and Response Plan

The Council will consider adopting the Revised Climate Action and Response Plan and request that funding options be considered in the development of the FY22 budget. Council will also consider joining other North Carolina municipalities in declaring a climate emergency.

What is an easier way than just working with the NCDOT to make them make the existing roadway more usable with new paint? This entire stretch of road has huge marked off areas that are not even used (not even center lanes...).

So by repainting bike lanes:

- no additional cost to Chapel Hill if we can avoid the traffic analysis
- promotes more green travel (carless travel)
- more safety, clearly marked bike lanes and paint makes drivers aware, and we could add additional barriers in the future if we can get funding

#### **Action item:**

Can the Mayor and town council contact the NCDOT Board of Transportation through our Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO)? I believe our contact is Lisa Mathis.

We need to push on NCDOT to lift some of these archaic restrictions. How can we address any of our town's desires as we continually outline them (greenway plans, bike plans, sidewalk plans, etc) if we can't even control our roadways and the NCDOT takes the decision away from us.

Thank you so much for reading!

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