

JEFFREY CHARLES, Petition Presentation, June 8, 2022

Tonight, I will be making recommendations about major improvements to Homestead Road that will emphasize connectivity for this road. This petition is based on my experience in transportation and connectivity that I have gained over a combined decade of volunteer service on the Orange County Outboard and the Chapel Hill Transportation and Connectivity Board.

SLIDE 1-NARROW SECTION OF HOMESTEAD ROAD

The first recommendation is to widen Homestead Road so it can accommodate the increased traffic.

Homestead Road provides connectivity in the following ways:

- There are hundreds of households that rely on this road to connect to the Town
- Three schools are off this road
- Access to the Senior Center
- To allow the Chapel Hill fire station to service this entire area
- Provide alternate access to Carrboro
- Provide car and bicycle access to enjoy the beautiful Dairyland Road area, and perhaps more importantly, visit the Maple View Ice Cream store.

SLIDE 2-Proposed Location of Roundabout

I am also recommending a roundabout at the intersection of Weaver Dairy Road Extension and Homestead Road, which could mean that the main entrance to any development on the Wood property could be off the roundabout.

In my petition I have recommended that you consider forming a citizen advisory committee to address what the present and future definition of connectivity should be in Chapel Hill. If you decide to create it, I volunteer to serve on it.

SLIDE 3- Future Connector from Courtyards to the Wood Property

At the other end of the spectrum on connectivity is the proposed connector between my development and the Wood property. What does connectivity mean here as you have a situation where only tens of cars might use this connection each day but it may be better to extend the Chapel Hill Bike Plan with a multi-use path that would go through the Wood property to provide access to connect to the 12 miles of trails of the Chapel Hill North Forest.

SLIDE 4-Charlottesville Ring Road

The last slide shows the major roads encircling Charlottesville, Va. Is this this a possible future for Chapel Hill where Homestead Road may play a crucial role.

NARROW SECTION OF HOMESTEAD ROAD



PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT SITE



CONNECTOR TO WOOD PROPERTY



RING ROADS AROUND CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

