

Create a Sustainable Transportation System for All

Promote Efficient Mass Transit Options

In response to several on-going key corridor studies and high profile developments, we encourage the Town to create a sustainable transportation system, which prioritizes optimal mass transit options for all. The advisory board requests the Town of Chapel Hill, City of Durham, and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) initiate plans promoting highly efficient public transit, such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), that will connect downtown Chapel Hill and downtown Durham along the 15-501 corridor. Additionally the advisory board strongly supports current plans for the NS BRT project on NC 86 and advocates a similar high capacity transit system for NC 54 corridor.

Continue to Implement Road to Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

To improve safety for pedestrians, we support the continued implementation of the Road to Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, which emphasizes Chapel Hill's dedication to the safety of its residents. In 2019, staff created the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, formalizing specific programmatic and infrastructural changes that could lead to reduction of pedestrian fatalities and serious injury crashes. We would like expanded efforts to improve programming and infrastructure in and around schools so that children can get to and from school on foot in a safer manner. We would like to continue efforts to evaluate streets that would possibly benefit from decreased speed limits with priority of those streets being within a mile of elementary and middle schools, the downtown area, and areas that has high volumes of pedestrian activity.

Continue to Implement the Mobility and Connectivity Plan

Our goal is to have continued implementation by the Town's bike implementation group with consideration of the addition of a dedicated full-time staff member to help accelerate processes, develop and enhance programming, and conduct outreach to surrounding communities. We would also like to expand the use of counting devices to measure whether interventions are impacting the numbers of people walking and biking. We would like to see a formal plan for increasing the number of bike parking spaces over the next two years as outlined in the Mobility and Connectivity Plan. Lastly, we would like to see improved signage for way finding of popular destinations that would lead people on bike or foot to greenways and streets with less car travel. We are interested in strategies to allow everyone, regardless of age or ability, to navigate Chapel Hill more independently and supporting transportation options while assisting the Town's Climate Action Plan.