

## **Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Comment Summary**

On September 18, 2019 the Town and Kimley Horn hosted a Public Meeting event on the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project. The public were able to engage town staff and Kimley Horn staff on four alternative designs. Approximately 60 comments were received. Key highlights were:

➤ Preferences

- Wide majority of comments came from Little Ridgefield residents; almost all preferring the shared street bikeway without the sidewalk (*Option 3*)
- Comments from elsewhere in Chapel Hill / Carrboro almost unanimously preferred the straight multi-use path along Fordham (*Option 1*)
- **Of 57 total public comments, 40 favored some form of shared street bikeway and 17 favored some sort of multi-use path**

➤ On the multi-use path

- In support
  - **Direct and efficient**
  - Raised crosswalks increase safety at intersections
  - Separating modes of transportation reduces conflict
  - Makes best use of DOT funding
  - Helps Town complete connectivity goals
- In opposition
  - **Removes tree buffer between Fordham and houses on north side of Hickory**
    - Removes noise, light, and air pollution barrier
    - Wood fence is insufficient replacement
  - Walking or riding next to one of the busiest and fastest thoroughfares in town is unsafe
    - Especially at intersections; bike/car conflicts are inevitable
  - Private yards being visible from a public path kills the privacy of local residents
  - Redundant to a similar path on the west side of Fordham

➤ On the shared street bikeway

- In support
  - **Preserves tree buffer**
  - The status quo; already works
    - Already proven to be safe
  - Neighborhood residents embrace increased bike/ped traffic on their streets
  - Keeps private property private
- In opposition

- **Circuitous**
- All travel modes on same right-of-way increases conflict and is unsafe for non-automotive traffic
- On the sidewalk (*Option 4*)
  - Parking would be a nightmare
  - Existence is an unnecessary waste of tax dollars
  - Encroaches on residential property

Additional comment includes ingress & egress movements into the neighborhood and the methodology of traffic speed study conducted at the Ridgefield Road and Fordham Boulevard.