

## Amy Harvey

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 9:48 AM  
**To:** Bicycle Alliance Chapel Hill  
**Cc:** Colleen Willger; Chelsea Laws; Dwight Bassett; Adam Searing; Allen Buansi; Amy Ryan; Andrew Creech; Camille Berry; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jeffrey Hoagland; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Robert Beasley; Tai Huynh; Vimala Rajendran; Zachary Boyce; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Rae Buckley; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** RE: Endorsement of the towns Vision Zero plan

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Sincerely,

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**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Endorsement of the towns Vision Zero plan

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To the Mayor and members of the Chapel Hill Town Council

The board of the Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill strongly encourages you to adopt the town's Vision Zero plan. We would like to further suggest:

- That the town should adopt it with an ongoing financial commitment. We do not believe it makes sense to make a commitment of something as significant as vision zero without committing some funds.

- Vision Zero is a fundamental change of adopting a safer town. It affects how literally all planning and public works take place in the town.
- Vision Zero is not a public relations campaign of posters and videos. It is a substantial shift in how we plan and engineer our roads, develop new projects and enact true, lasting change to the streets, sidewalks, bike paths and multi-modal pathways in our town.

We believe a commitment to Vision Zero should be considered a general resource, much the same way as parking. We believe the town has aspirational goals to get to a place where parking and driving are not needed as much as it is now. We will not get to this place if we do not commit to comprehensively making it safe for people of all ages and abilities to get around town.

We believe the town can be a local leader on this issue, using Vision Zero to guide planning its own streets, and establish best practices when working with the NCDOT to fix their streets, which include many of our towns most deadly and dangerous thoroughfares.

Please adopt the plan, and please go further and adopt it with good funding so it makes an impact on the way we all can get around town.

Thank you,  
Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill

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**To:** Martin Johnson  
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**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

This Wednesday, Sept. 29, you have the opportunity to adopt a Vision Zero plan for the town of Chapel Hill. I am writing to encourage you to do so, and to commit town resources, including financial resources, to making our community safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

I have reviewed the report prepared for Wednesday's meeting, which effectively summarizes the data on crashes in town, and makes concrete recommendations for how we can make our streets safer. I want to emphasize three points:

**1. People will not walk and bike if they perceive that it's unsafe.**

There is a growing consensus among the Town Council that we need to make it easier for people to get around our community without relying on a car. While I strongly support expanding our sidewalk network, building greenways and protected bike lanes, and improving our bus service, all of that effort will be for naught if our streets are not safe.

Vision Zero helps underscore the need to make all of our streets safe for all users. What good is a bike path if you have to cross a busy and dangerous street to get to your destination?

**2. Chapel Hill should make its own streets safer, and work with NCDOT to make their streets safer.**

As the report shows, the most dangerous streets in Chapel Hill are owned and maintained by the NCDOT. The easy thing to do would be to throw up our hands and hope that NCDOT will one day take safety seriously. But if we do that, we'll consign another generation of Chapel Hill residents to living in a community with unsafe streets.

Instead, we should prioritize making our streets safer, particularly those that are already identified in the report as high-crash streets. For example, Cameron Avenue and Country Club Road would be ideal for upgraded safety features, such as protected bike lanes and wider sidewalks, and could be connected to other town-owned streets, like Hillsborough Street, which connects to the Bolin Creek Greenway.

At the same time, we can work with NCDOT on making their streets safer. We need dedicated resources, including an annual financial commitment, to do both.

**3. People's lives are at stake. We can do better.**

Last year a 15-year-old boy, Chan Mee Ya, was hit by a car on Homestead Road while he was riding his bicycle. Our community came together to raise at least \$100,000 to aid in his recovery, a sign of the wealth and generosity of the people of Chapel Hill.

And yet, the intersection where the crash occurred is just as dangerous as it was the day he was hit. If we treated street safety as seriously as we do airplane safety, there would have been an extensive investigation, and a commitment to improving things on the ground. We could have set up Jersey barriers to create a temporary bike lane while we were studying a longer term solution. We could have installed an in-street sign warning drivers to watch for pedestrians and cyclists. We could have looked into strategies to slow traffic on the street.

Instead, we did nothing. If the Council adopts Vision Zero, and puts real resources into achieving our goals, I hope that we can do better in the future.

All the best,

Martin Johnson

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Joanne Gardner  
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**From:** Joanne Gardner [mailto:joannekg30@gmail.com]  
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**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Vision Zero

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To our respected Chapel Hill leaders:

I have heard about this Vision and support the plan to make Chapel Hill a safer, easier place to walk and bike. I represent the demographic of over 65 active Chapel Hill residents who would bike more if it was easier to connect from one place. Please assure that Vision One moves forward with the funding that it deserves.

I am very appreciative of the efforts of each of our town's leaders and council members. Thank you for all you give to our community.

Joanne Gardner

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Integrative Nutritionist  
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**To:** Paul Neebe  
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**Subject:** Please adopt Vision Zero

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Dear Mayor & Council:

I respectfully request you adopt and implement Vision Zero for the town of Chapel Hill. There have been way too many transportation accidents and deaths in Chapel Hill that could have been prevented by Vision Zero. If you don't understand what Vision Zero is, please ask questions and comprehend what this is before voting against it.

I would be happy to answer any questions about Vision Zero and/or put you in touch with more experts to clarify the entire program. Just let me know how I can help.

Sincerely,  
Paul M.Neebe

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**From:** David Pcolar [mailto:pcolar@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Vision Zero Plan

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Town of Chapel Hill has been a leader in State and National efforts to be inclusive, fair, and community minded in its policies and outreach for many decades. As you evaluate proposals for Vision Zero, please consider how this policy will improve the lives of citizens experience with town infrastructure.

Adoption of Vision Zero is a fundamental change in the Council's efforts toward creating a safer town. I hope you will embrace this policy and plan for the changes in funding and design which impact the daily lives of citizens and visitors to the town.

Sincerely,  
David Pcolar

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**From:** William Tobin [mailto:leetobin561@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Vision Zero

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Mayor and Council,

As a resident bicycle commuter for almost 3 decades, I've seen a lot of fear. Cyclists who are too scared to cross busy 4 lane roads, that they choose to ride on the shoulder facing traffic. Parents with children running across intersections because they don't feel it's their place to be without a car. Please support the Vision Zero initiative with a financial commitment to help these folks get around safely.

Thanks,  
Lee Tobin,

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:45 AM  
**To:** dlmatthewsunc@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** FW: Council Agenda Item Public Comment - Vision Zero letter of support - for 9/29 Council Work Session  
**Attachments:** 2021.09.21\_RTZ-TaskForce\_VisionZero-Letter.pdf

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**From:** Denise Matthews [mailto:dlmatthewsunc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>; All Agenda Materials <allclerk@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Cc:** Denise Matthews <dlmatthewsunc@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Council Agenda Item Public Comment - Vision Zero letter of support - for 9/29 Council Work Session

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Greetings,

Attached is a **Vision Zero letter of support** (pdf file; letter dated 9/21/2021) that I wrote **on behalf of the Chapel Hill Road to Zero Task Force** (on which I and diverse CH community members and stakeholders serve).

Please include this letter in the record for this evening's **September 29, 2021 Council Work Session**.

Please let me know if there are any problems with accessing the attached pdf file.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Denise Matthews  
Chapel Hill Resident & Member of Chapel Hill Road to Zero Task Force

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September 21, 2021

Town of Chapel Hill  
Mayor and Town Council  
Town Hall  
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Chapel Hill Town Council,

As Chapel Hill Road to Zero Task Force Members, we strongly support and recommend that the Town of Chapel Hill adopt Vision Zero to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users and to ensure safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for everyone.

Since 2019 we have been working diligently and collaboratively with Town staff, decision makers, community members, and stakeholders to implement the Town's Road to Zero Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) and provide policy, technical, and design recommendations about conditions and issues that affect pedestrian safety and mobility with the ultimate goals of having zero pedestrian traffic fatalities and significant reductions in serious injury crashes. Building upon the foundation laid by the PSAP, Vision Zero will expand and sustain leadership, collaboration, and responsibility across Town leaders and staff, public officials, and diverse community members and emphasize the Town's dedication to the safety of its residents and road users and commitment to social equity. By adopting Vision Zero, the Town of Chapel Hill will join a growing number of towns and cities that recognize and commit to Vision Zero strategies, such as managing speed, prioritizing equity, and engaging the community, to save lives and increase safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

We thank you for your consideration of this important effort.

Sincerely,

Denise Matthews  
On behalf of Chapel Hill Road to Zero Task Force Members

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:06 PM  
**To:** sbwhitlow  
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**From:** stephen whitlow [mailto:[sbwhitlow@gmail.com](mailto:sbwhitlow@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** Town Council <[mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org)>  
**Cc:** Bergen Watterson <[bwatterson@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:bwatterson@townofchapelhill.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vision Zero

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Resending to include Council. I encourage the town to adopt Visions Zero and fund its implementation in a meaningful way.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** stephen whitlow <[sbwhitlow@gmail.com](mailto:sbwhitlow@gmail.com)>



**Subject: Vision Zero**

**Date:** September 29, 2021 at 12:21:10 PM EDT

**To:** Bergen Watterson <[bwatterson@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:bwatterson@townofchapelhill.org)>

Hi Bergen,

I wanted to pass along one data point in case it's useful as the town considers adopting Vision Zero. My husband has a disability that prevents him from gripping with one hand. We had a bike modified for him to have both brakes controlled by one hand. However, he is no longer willing to bike in town because of how poorly bike infrastructure is connected and maintained. Specifically, the bike lane on Cameron is often filled with debris and the pavement is uneven (I assume due to tree roots). He is simply not certain that he can maintain control of a bike in that and other bike lanes.

The effect of this is that when we go downtown, which is nearly every weekend, we are in a car rather than on bikes. That's frustrating to both of us, especially coming here from DC, which had great infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians.

Thanks,  
Stephen

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to emphasize the importance of adopting Vision Zero for Chapel Hill as the Bike Alliance of Chapel Hill has endorsed. If we want people to walk and bike (and for resident health, air quality and town vibrance, we need to) we must protect our bikers and pedestrians. We must back up our values and our priorities with action and resources.

thank you,

