

**Amy Harvey**

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**From:** Jeanette Coffin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Demetra Vlachos  
**Cc:** Ben Hitchings; CHRIS BLUE; Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Info - CAPA; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lindsey Bineau; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver  
**Subject:** email...RE: Please support noise abatement for NC-DOT I-40 widening project

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Demetra Vlachos [mailto:dvlachos@nc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Please support noise abatement for NC-DOT I-40 widening project  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mayor Hemminger and members of the Chapel Hill Town Council:

I am writing to ask your support for effective noise abatement measures to be included in the planned NC-DOT project to widen Interstate 40. Specifically, I'm concerned about noise in the area of the re-designed Exit 266 interchange at Rt. 86.

I reside on Old Larkspur Way in the Larkspur subdivision, off Weaver Dairy Rd. Ext. (I am a neighbor of Laurin Easthom, a former Town Council member, who also wrote you about this issue earlier this month.) Prior to purchasing my Larkspur home, I considered purchasing a home in other developments (e.g., Chandler's Green) in north Chapel Hill, but rejected

them due to the prevailing noise levels from I-40. At the time I purchased my home in Dec. 2004, the I-40 traffic noise was barely audible in Larkspur... a distant "white noise." Over the years, however, the traffic noise has increased dramatically, to the point where, under some weather conditions I can clearly hear loud trucks on I-40 in my home with the windows closed, even late at night. At many times, my screened porch is no longer a pleasant outdoor place to relax or entertain guests because of the prevailing traffic noise.

The current noise levels impact the quality of life in my development and I fear they will only get worse with the widening of I-40. The noise is loudest in the part of Larkspur where Dr. Easthom and I live, because it is closest to the interstate and the areas of new construction on Eubanks Rd, including the high-density Chapel Watch Village and the extensive 54-acre Carraway Village mixed-use development, as well as the Ramsley subdivision. This construction removed many acres of tall trees and vegetation that served as a noise buffer.

I am aware that an NC-DOT contractor has conducted a noise assessment near the I-86 interchange as part of the current project planning. I attended the community informational meeting on Jan. 24 in Hillsborough and learned that noise levels were monitored over a single 24-hr period. The results, which will include modeling projections of future noise levels, are not yet available. It is difficult for a non-expert in noise studies, such as myself, to know how comprehensive this assessment was. Prevailing weather and traffic conditions seem to significantly affect the level of noise coming from I-40 in the direction of my subdivision. Also, I do not know if Larkspur was included among the locations at which noise measurements were taken during the single 24-hr monitoring period.

**I am requesting that the Town Council exert its influence on the planning and execution of the I-40 widening project to ensure that NC-DOT implements effective measures to mitigate the noise pollution problem affecting residential Chapel Hill neighborhoods, including Larkspur, near I-40.**

I also wish to register my strong objection to NC-DOT's proposed plan "4A" to re-route part of Eubanks Rd. through the Northwoods subdivision. As you are aware, that plan would destroy many families' homes and forever change the character of that verdant, low-traffic neighborhood, which adjoins mine. Plan "4B" or any other plan that avoids re-routing this very busy road through a residential subdivision would be preferable to 4A.

I am very grateful for all you do, every day, to maintain and promote the quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kelly Edwards [mailto:kelly@crossfitlocal.com]  
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**To:** Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>  
**Subject:** Eubanks/NC 86 Intersection Changes

Dear Chapel Hill Mayor & Town Council,

Regarding STIP I-3306A, we are the owners of CrossFit Local, a business with a sole location along Eubanks Road in Chapel Hill. We've been located here for 9 years. While we welcome improvements to exit 266 and the intersection of Eubanks and Martin Luther King Boulevard, we have some concerns about the proposed plans.

Plan 4A is a non-starter for us. Improved access to our business is not worth the destruction of homes and residential properties. In addition to the issues where some of our clients would have

parts of their neighborhood destroyed, this plan will cause confusion for when we send out maps and instructions for how to get to our location. This is especially concerning for when we host competitions that draw from the surrounding area and regionally. Having Eubanks Road split and have a separate eastbound exit around a quarter of a mile away from the westbound entrance is not a good solution.

While 4B presents its own challenges with a 'superstreet,' it is much more straightforward to explain, and a plan based on that one would be greatly preferred by us and our members.

In addition, as the owners of a gym that promotes functional fitness for a healthy and complete life, it is disappointing that neither plan has much in the way of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations like bike lanes or sidewalks. Also, Chapel Hill is planning to add bus rapid transit with one end at the Eubanks Road Park and Ride lot, and neither plan appears to include any mention of this. The North-South BRT project is something that Chapel Hill has been working on for several years, and we look forward to BRT as it will improve access to our business and bring convenient access to our facilities to a larger geographic area.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to the next iteration of proposals that incorporate changes that relieve our concerns.

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