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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Tab Combs
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: FY 2021 excess balance fund - pedestrian and bicycle safety

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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From: Tab Combs <tab.combs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:17 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: FY 2021 excess balance fund - pedestrian and bicycle safety

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and members of Council:

Pedestrian and bicycle safety has been stated to be a top priority in Chapel Hill, yet we have no recurring budget line to support pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. With the FY 2021 excess balance fund, we now have an opportunity to begin, quickly and systematically, addressing some of our most urgent pedestrian and bicyclist safety challenges. I am writing to urge you to allocate \$250,000 from the FY 2021 excess balance fund to support pedestrian and bicycle safety projects as described in the town's Mobility and Connectivity Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan, and in accordance with the town's Vision

Zero policy. I further request that you make pedestrian and bicycle safety a priority in future budgets, so that the efforts started with the excess balance funds can be continued in the future. Thank you.

Tab Combs
Chapel Hill, NC

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Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:28 AM
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From: Geoffrey F. Green <geoff@stuebegreen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:16 AM
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Dear Mayor Hemminger and members of Council:

I am writing to urge your support for the recommended allocation of \$250,000 of the FY 2021 excess fund balance to bicycle and pedestrian safety. As recent incidents have shown, we fall far short on some of the basics that would make it safe and convenient for Chapel Hill residents, employees, and visitors to get around town walking, biking, and via transit. While the \$250,000 is a small drop in the bucket compared to the bicycle and pedestrian safety needs that exist in the

Town (and I look forward to the discussion about an ongoing funding allocation dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements), it would be an excellent first step and would enable Town staff to move forward expeditiously on several of the highest-priority needs.

Geoff Green
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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Bicycle Alliance Chapel Hill
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Subject: RE: Commitment of excess funds balance for bicycle and pedestrian projects and request for continuous funding

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From: Bicycle Alliance Chapel Hill <bikechapelhill@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 12:03 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Commitment of excess funds balance for bicycle and pedestrian projects and request for continuous funding

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Dear Mayor and members of the Town Council:

Tonight, you have the opportunity for a one-time commitment of \$250,000 from the FY 2021 Excess Fund Balance for improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in our town. Certainly, there are many deserving places to direct these funds, however we advocate not only for the one-time use of excess funds for this purpose, but also an ongoing commitment from the Town to provide annual budget support (of \$250,000 or greater) to begin making substantial progress in accomplishing the list of items long included in both the Town's Bike Plan as well as Its Mobility and

Connectivity plan.

The traditional practice of the town seems to be to do projects that are triggered by third-party development or when some unplanned funding becomes available. This has not achieved consistent or measurable progress in making the town noticeably safer for all.

When BACH, in collaboration with the town, developed the Bike Plan in 2013, we looked at the price tag for the plan. We were realistic in accepting that it was not going to be done overnight. However, here we are, nearly 10 years later and there is still so much left undone. A regular commitment to planning and budgeting is the only way to actually accomplish the goals the Town has established.

There are many greenway projects in those Plans that reasonably should have been completed by now. Yet none have even been started. This is not merely a recreational issue. In addition to providing recreation, the greenways offer connectivity. They provide, or should provide, extended non-car connectivity to parks and other destinations in a far safer and less stressful way than can any street-marked bike lane.

Further, on the matter of greenways: We have observed, using traffic counter data that BACH assists the town in collecting, that existing greenway use has ballooned. Further, the bike-to-pedestrian ratio on the Bolin Creek trails indicates its use as a bicycle commuting corridor now that the tunnel under MLK is completed.

The last Greenway completed was the Tanyard Branch Trail - now 5 years ago. The town should have a routine of always having a greenway under construction. Again, at the current rate, it will be decades before any significant change will be made to our existing - very incomplete - bike and pedestrian greenway network.

Finally, the Town has had a bicycle and pedestrian safety working group that has been meeting for many years. We know and respect the staff included in this group. We recognize the work they have done. However, much of what they propose still remains in a backlog, waiting for funds that never seem to be budgeted.

Without change, this may also become the case for the town's Vision Zero task force, which is staffed by some energetic and professional experts in the field. Their work will be in vain if it simply ends up on a plan. This task force's work must be funded with the expectation that continuous backing and attention will enhance their output.

If Chapel Hill is to become the town that its Plans indicate it wants to be, it must back up its wishes with action in concrete budgetary terms. BACH believes this is something the Town can achieve.

Thank you

Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill

Current and former board members

Paule Neebe
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Gregory Georges
William Tobin
Joanne Gardner
John Rees
Melissa McCullough
Patrick Mortell
James Heil
Sam Byasee

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Ed Harrison

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Penny Rich
Sally Greene
Mark Kleinschmidt