



## Legislation Text

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### **Close the Legislative Hearing and Consider Adopting *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative* as an Amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, *Chapel Hill 2020*.**

**Staff:**

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**Department:**

Transit

**Overview:** Chapel Hill Transit's (CHT) North-South Bus Rapid Transit (NSBRT) project leverages a significant federal investment to meet Council's Complete Community and Climate Action priorities. The NSBRT enjoys high levels of support, locally and regionally; is a key component of the region's transportation strategy and long-term vision; and plays a role in the University's transportation and sustainability plans. NSBRT is also much more than a transit investment; it is an investment in active transportation, safety, congestion mitigation, equity, environmental stewardship, smart growth, and economic development.

In 2020, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded CHT nearly \$600,000 through the "Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning" grant program. CHT initiated transit-oriented development (TOD) planning for the NSBRT corridor in 2022. At the request of Council, staff coordinated TOD planning with the Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) audit and update and development of Chapel Hill's Complete Community Strategy.

*Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative (Shaping Our Future)* aligns with, and is guided by, adopted plans and Council policy directives. *Shaping Our Future* incorporates robust community engagement, a market analysis, an accessibility analysis, illustrative TOD station area concepts, and implementation recommendations providing staff and Council with a starting point for discussions and decisions related to the ongoing LUMO update.

Adopting *Shaping Our Future* amends the Town's Comprehensive Plan, *Chapel Hill 2020*, by integrating best practices for more sustainable land use and development, promoting equitable economic and community development, and catalyzing great placemaking in locations with the best transit access, which, collectively, will help implement Council's vision for a Complete Community.



**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council 1) close the legislative hearing to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan with *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative* and its recommendations; and 2) Adopt the resolution incorporating *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative* as an Amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, *Chapel Hill 2020*.

**Changes Since Opening the Legislative Hearing on April 19, 2023**

None.

**Decision Points:**

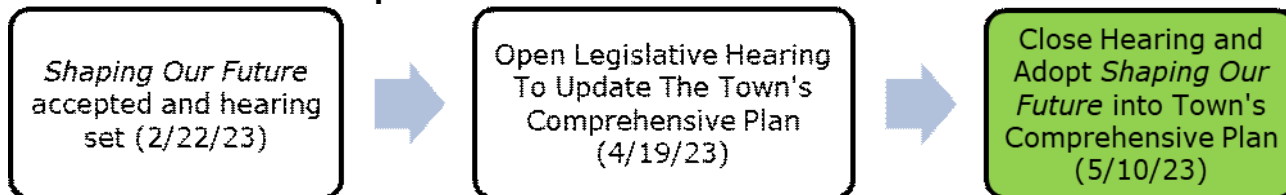
Does the Council agree with the following steps:

- Update the Town’s Comprehensive Plan with *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative*
- Implement some or all the recommendations of *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation and Land Use Initiative* as part of the ongoing Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) update

**Key Issues:**

- This request is submitted concurrently with a request to close the hearing and adopt the Complete Community Strategy as an amendment to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, *Chapel Hill 2020*
- Planning Commission: At Planning Commission’s April 4, 2023, meeting, the Commission unanimously recommended that Council adopt and incorporate *Shaping Our Future* into the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

**Where is this item in its process?**



**Attachments:**

- Staff Presentation
- Resolution
- *Shaping Our Future: A Land Use & Transportation Planning Initiative*, amendment to Chapel Hill 2020
- Technical Report
- Planning Commission Recommendation

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

PRESENTER: Caroline Dwyer, Transit Planning Manager

- a. Introduction and recommendation
- b. Comments from the public
- c. Comments and questions from the Mayor and Town Council
- d. Motion to close the Legislative Hearing
- e. Motion to adopt the resolution amending the Town’s comprehensive plan to include *Shaping Our Future: A Transportation & Land Use Initiative*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council adopt a resolution to incorporate this plan into the Comprehensive Plan.