



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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### Discuss Options for the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath Project.

**Staff:** Judy Johnson, Interim Director  
Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager  
Bill Webster, Planning and Development Manager

**Department:** Planning  
Parks and Recreation

**Overview:** The purpose of this item is to present information on design options for a pedestrian and bicycle facility along Fordham Boulevard from Cleland Drive to Willow Drive.



### Recommendation(s):

That the Council review options for the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath project.

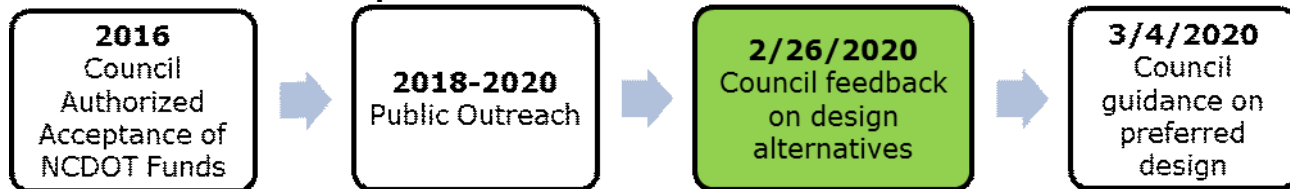
### Key Issues:

- Residents of the Little Ridgefield neighborhood (adjacent to the proposed sidepath) have expressed concerns about safety, noise, and loss of vegetative buffer along Fordham Blvd.
- The residents proposed a '[shared street <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streets/residential-shared-street/>](https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streets/residential-shared-street/)' concept from Ridgefield Road to Willow Drive, which would route bicycles and pedestrians onto neighborhood streets where they would share low-speed, low-volume roads with vehicles.
- A design consultant developed three alternate designs for the segment between Ridgefield Road and Willow Drive:
  - A sidepath running along Fordham Boulevard as originally proposed
  - A shared street along Hickory Drive
  - A shared street along Hickory Drive with a sidewalk on one side
- Staff and the consultant have prepared materials to address the noise and vegetative buffer concerns raised by residents.
  - Noise analysis and memorandum

- Illustrated clearing limits for sidepath construction
- Proposed landscape plans, including cross-section diagrams
- Staff will return on March 4, 2020 to ask for Council to approve a design alternative for the project.

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** The project has an approved budget of \$1,058,000, which includes \$846,400 in federal funds (80%) and a local match of \$211,600 (20%) from the 2015 Transportation Bond.

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



**Attachments:**

- Staff Memorandum
- Draft Staff Presentation
- Noise Monitoring Memorandum
- Sidepath Construction Clearing Limits
- October 2019 StealthStat Data
- Proposed Landscape Plans
- Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board Recommendation

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**PRESENTER:** Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council review options for the Fordham Boulevard Sidepath project.