



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Receive NC 54 West Corridor Study Update.

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Overview: In June 2017, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) conducted a study of NC 54 from Old Fayetteville Road in Carrboro to the I-85 interchange in Graham. After reviewing the initial report in November 2018, the DCHC MPO Board asked the consultants to conduct further study to address concerns from Board members. That second phase has been completed and the [entire study <http://www.nc54west.com/>](http://www.nc54west.com/) has been released for public comment.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council receive a consultant update on the NC 54 West Corridor Study.

Context:

- The [Phase I Final Report <http://www.nc54west.com/pdf/NC%2054%20Final%20Draft%20Report%20\(10012018\).pdf>](http://www.nc54west.com/pdf/NC%2054%20Final%20Draft%20Report%20(10012018).pdf) was submitted to the DCHC MPO Board in October 2018
- Chapel Hill is the destination of a significant number of trips from the NC 54 West Corridor.
- The potential widening of NC 54 west of Carrboro, as recommended in the study report, could impact the travel patterns of Chapel Hill commuters.
- Alternative transportation options - transit, bike, and pedestrian - have been common themes of discussion throughout the study.
- The Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution rejecting the findings of the NC 54 West study.
- The Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved widening NC 54 as a priority project for the next NCDOT prioritization process.



Attachments:

- Draft Consultant Presentation
- Consultant Memorandum
- Attachment A - Phase 2 Memorandum
- Attachment B - Phase 2 Visuals

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

PRESENTER: Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager
Don Bryson, Principal, VHB

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council receive a consultant update on the NC 54 West Corridor Study.