

## TOWN OF CHAPFI HILL

Town Hall 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Chapel Hill. NC 27514

## **Legislation Text**

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

Staff: Department:

Judy Johnson, Interim Director Planning

Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

Bill Webster, Planning and Development Manager 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.



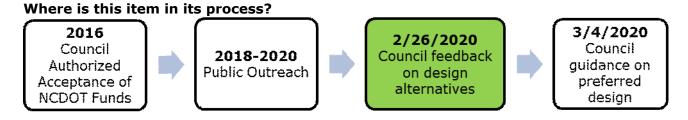
#### Recommendation(s):

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 <a href="https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streets/residential-shared-street/">https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streets/residential-shared-street/</a>' 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
  - o 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.



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#### **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

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

PRESENTER: Bergen Watterson, Transportation Planning Manager

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