



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Adopt Updates to the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.

Staff:

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Department:

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Overview: The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) adopted a Complete Streets Policy in August 2019. This Policy requires NCDOT to pay for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities as part of major roadway construction projects, if they are in locally adopted plans. Town staff proposes updating the system recommendations in the Mobility and Connectivity Plan (2017) to position the Town to have the best facilities built as a result of the new policy.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council adopt the proposed updates to the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.

Key Issues:

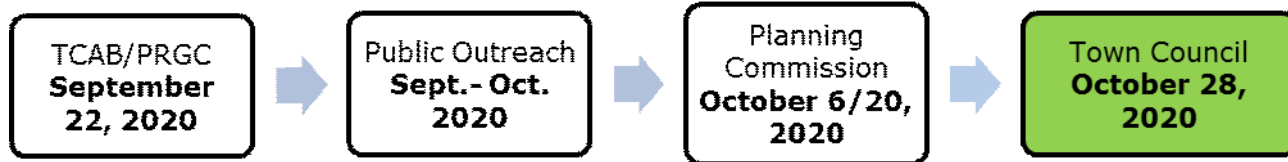
- The Mobility and Connectivity Plan is a component of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the Council must approve updates.
- Staff sought input from the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board; the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission; the public via virtual public information meeting, virtual office hours, and an online survey; and the Planning Commission.
 - Staff used a [Story Map](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0776b309c1a44fcca101cdb413e1cc47) [to simplify the information and make it easier to understand for the public outreach.](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0776b309c1a44fcca101cdb413e1cc47)
- The proposed updates are limited to facilities along NCDOT-maintained roads, as well as minor realignment of the off-road multiuse paths in the northwest corner of Town to align with recent developments in the vicinity and maximize connectivity. The proposed Long-Term Network Facilities Map and the list of proposed changes are attached. The fully updated Mobility and Connectivity Plan can be found

https://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas/2020/10/28/20201023_Mobility_and_Connectivity_Plan.pdf

- The update also includes a map showing proposed enhancements (primarily concrete landing pads of various sizes) to Chapel Hill Transit stops along NCDOT roads (also attached).
- The NC 54 Pedestrian and Bicycle Corridor Safety Study, which was completed in 2019 and contains safety improvements to intersections and bus stop accessibility along NC 54 in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, will be included as an appendix to the plan.
- Staff anticipates creating a new bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Town in the next 3-5 years that will include more comprehensive updates and recommendations not included in this update.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: There are no fiscal impacts associated with updating the Mobility Plan.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Resolution
- Draft Staff Presentation
- Proposed Long-Term Facilities Network Map
- List of proposed changes
- Chapel Hill Transit Stop Enhancements Map
- Advisory Board Recommendations

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 adopt the proposed updates to the Mobility and Connectivity Plan.