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Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Division ▪ 101 City Hall Plaza ▪ Durham, NC 27701

May 20, 2009

Mr. Byron Brady
Durham Public Works Department
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

Re: Comments on Carver Street Extension from Danube Lane to Old Oxford Highway / Hamlin Road

Dear Mr. Brady,

In the document dated April 27, 2009 that was provided to the public at the Public Information Meeting for this project, the Project Description paragraph includes the following sentences regarding bicycle facilities;

The typical section shown on the mapping includes 14-foot wide through lanes to serve as shared use lanes for motorists and bicycles. In lieu of the 14-foot shared use lanes, the City is considering providing a 12-foot lane for motorists, and a 4-foot, striped bicycle lane for bicyclists.

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) strongly urges you to adhere to the guidance provided in the [Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) which calls for four-foot bicycle lanes on Carver Street, Danube Lane, and Old Oxford Highway. Please ensure that any road widening in this project includes four-foot bicycle lanes.

Additionally, BPAC supports the comments regarding pedestrian facilities provided to you by the Transportation Department in a memo of April 1, 2009 entitled "Comments on Carver Street CIP Project (Danube to Old Oxford Highway)," including;

2. Please provide sidewalks along both sides of Carver Street as well as to the end of project limits on intersecting streets.
6. Any traffic signals constructed as part of the project should use mast arms and include the appropriate pedestrian countdown signal equipment with pushbuttons. Please specify push buttons that include a light to indicate that the button has been pushed.
7. If a sidewalk is built adjacent to an unpaved driveway, please pave the driveway at least 15 feet back from the sidewalk to prevent gravel and other material from migrating onto the sidewalk and street.

- 8 The Durham Comprehensive Plan states that “The City Public Works Department and the City-County Planning Department shall re-evaluate adopted street cross sections in order to promote bicycle and pedestrian travel and safety, minimize impervious surfaces, and allow for more tree planting within the right-of-way, with particular consideration to variable standards by Tier.” In order to meet the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan, please consider a design for Carver Street with a wider planting strip (8 feet) between curb and sidewalk in order to provide space for tree planting within the right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk.

Thank you in advance for providing this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AD' followed by a stylized flourish.

Alan Dippy
Chair

cc: Mark Ahrendsen, Transportation Manager, City of Durham
Ed Venable, Engineering Manager, City of Durham