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Subject: Bicycle Facilities on West Chapel Hill Street and University Drive/Lakewood Avenue

Dear Mr. Bowman and Mr. Ahrendsen,

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) would like to thank both of your departments for the implementation of bicycle facilities on West Chapel Hill Street and University Drive/Lakewood Avenue as part of this year's maintenance of state roads. These corridors are identified as key segments in the adopted Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan and incorporation of bicycle facilities provides a boost to better route connectivity downtown.

We have heard good reviews from many cyclists in the area. Cyclists report that they feel much safer on the newly painted stretch of West Chapel Hill Street with the reduction of speed and travel lanes.

With future maintenance work, we hope that NCDOT and the city will continue to pursue implementation of bicycle facilities on other streets identified in the Bicycle Plan, such as West Main Street and other sections of University Drive.

Thank you again for your support of bicycle facilities and multi-modal transportation in Durham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Dippy", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan Dippy
BPAC Chairman

cc: Bill Bell, Mayor, City of Durham
Diane Catotti, Durham City Council
Mike Woodard, Durham City Council
Tom Bonfield, Durham City Manager
Chuck Watts, Board of Transportation, NCDOT
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