

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
Resolution No. 87/2008-09**

WHEREAS the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to provide safe, efficient, and convenient bicycle transportation throughout the community, and

WHEREAS the North Carolina Department of Transportation awarded the Town of Carrboro a bicycle planning grant, and

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen appointed the Bicycle Plan Steering Committee to guide the planning process for a comprehensive bicycle transportation plan for the town of Carrboro, and

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen have held a public hearing on the final draft of the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The Bicycle Plan Steering Committee has fulfilled its charge and the Board of Aldermen hereby thanks the committee members and hereby dissolves the committee.

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen adopts the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan upon inclusion of the following additions and/or changes:

Section 3. The Board of Aldermen directs staff, with input from the Transportation Advisory Board, to develop a list of the Town's "top ten" bicycle-related priorities along with recommendations for implementation, as recommended by the plan.

ATTACHMENT B**CARRBORO BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TIMELINE**

2007	May	Notification from NCDOT of grant award for developing a comprehensive bicycle transportation plan.
	June	Approval of municipal agreement with NCDOT for development of the plan
	September	Creation of the Bicycle Plan Steering Committee
	October	Steering Committee Meeting #1: consultant selection
	November	Award of contract to Greenways Incorporated
2008	January	Notice proceed received from NCDOT Steering Committee Meeting #2: Project kickoff
	March	Steering Committee Meeting #3: Project Update Online survey goes live
	April	Public Workshop #1
	May	Steering Committee Meeting #4: Project Update
	June	Steering Committee Meeting #5: Network review
	July	Public Workshop #2
	August	Steering Committee Meeting #6: draft plan review Online survey closes at end of month
	September	Steering Committee Meeting #7: draft plan review
	October	Draft plan released for public comment Draft Plan presentation to Board of Aldermen
	November	Public comment period closes
	November/December	Finalize Plan
2009	January	Post final plan to website
	February	Presentation to Advisory Boards for recommendations
	March	Board of Aldermen hold a public hearing for the adoption of the plan

**Review of the Draft Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan
Responses to comments from the Board of Aldermen
(From the work session on October 14, 2008)**

Alderman Coleman had the following comments/suggestions:

- The priority list should include a notation of the status of the projects in the TIP
 - Addressed throughout chapter 3, where appropriate
- That signs be installed on narrow streets where there is not room for bike lanes indicating that bicyclists should merge with car traffic
 - Greenways Incorporated (GWI) and staff discussed this comment and decide to not explicitly include this as a recommendation for the following reasons: (1) many of the narrow roads in Carrboro are low-volume, low-speed residential streets where signage is not warranted; (2) other narrow roads (higher speed and/or higher volume streets such as E. Weaver Street, N. Greensboro between Shelton and Old Pittsboro) have recommendations for sharrows, (3) communicating to bicyclists and motorists where bicyclists should ride is an important educational goal for the Town and will be a key message as the Town begins to work on the educational component of implementing the plan, (4) the plan recommends an overall signage program and this concern will be considered as that program is developed
- Under bicycle advocacy group – the role of the town should be better clarified – discuss overlap with TAB
 - Addressed on page 4-1
- A process to maintain an ongoing top ten priority list
 - Addressed on page 6-5 (in the evaluation table as a short term recommendation)
- Look at a helmet law and bicycle patrol
 - Addressed on page 4-14
- Designation between bicyclists and pedestrians – stop bike riding on sidewalks – clarify that bicyclists are required to get off their bikes to cross at crosswalks
 - GWI and staff discussed this comment and decided to not make this recommendation part of the plan at this time for the following reasons: (1) sidewalks are still good locations for inexperienced bicyclists, especially young children, to ride, (2) looking to make this designation in specific locations only where there is a high volume of pedestrians (such as the downtown) could be considered down the road when the Town has been able to implement the recommended facilities for those streets, such that cyclists have a safer, more clearly designated place to ride in the road (for example, the sharrows on E. Weaver and N. Greensboro); however, the issue of children riding on the street is still something to consider; (3) this is another item for the education programming (materials, workshops, etc...), especially how bicyclists are supposed to navigate crosswalks.
- Better integration of what is in the implementation section

- Throughout chapter 6 (Implementation), there are references to the other sections that include the finer details for the implementation steps. The other chapters; however, do not have cross references to the implementation steps because it was getting confusing.

Alderman Lavelle suggested that:

- Smith Middle School and other schools located on Seawell School Road be added to the list in Section 2.7 (conditions going to certain destinations)
 - Addressed on page 2-10

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell expressed support for:

- covered bike racks and a law to require helmets
 - no follow up necessary (helmet law addressed on page 4-14)

Mayor Chilton had the following comments/suggestions:

- Suggested renaming project #4 in Chapter 3 to: South Greensboro Street/Old Pittsboro Road
 - Agreed; however, this change did not make it into the final draft – GWI is making the edit (an oversight)
- Project 3 (Homestead Road) should begin at Lake Hogan Farm Road rather than Stratford Road
 - Addressed on pages 3-12 & 3-13
- Clarification of projects listed on Page 3-13
 - It seems that the appropriate language for the Project Type listed on this page is “road widening for bike lanes”, GWI will make that change (oversight)
- Project 7 (Old NC 86) – talk with Orange County and Hillsborough about an alternate route to Hillsborough
 - During the time that the bike plan was in development, local jurisdictions were submitting their local TIP priorities to the MPO. Old NC 86 is still a priority for Orange County as a primary bicycle route between Hillsborough and Carrboro; however, both in this plan and in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, other facilities along Dairyland Road and Union Grove Church Road have been identified for bicycle facilities.
- Talk with Chatham County officials about the best bike route to Pittsboro
 - In looking at the plan and the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, at this time Smith Level Road was determined to be the best route, within Carrboro’s planning jurisdiction, for connecting to Pittsboro, via 15-501 and either staying on 15-501 or connecting to the parallel route shown on Chatham County’s bicycle map. Provision of wide shoulders on the southern portion of Smith Level Road, and bicycle facilities on 15-501, are essential to making this a viable bicycle route. Both Carrboro’s plan and the 2035 LTRP reflect this.

**BICYCLE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
November 13, 2008**

It was the consensus of the members present at a meeting of the Bicycle Plan Steering Committee on November 13, 2008, to recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopts the Town of Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Having worked with Greenways Incorporated and members of the community for the past year, we feel that the plan provides a comprehensive approach to addressing the bicycling needs of the community. Specifically, we support the four main goals of the plan:

- To have bicycling as a viable transportation alternative throughout the Town and for all trip purposes.
- To have a continuing process for reviewing, updating, and implementing bicycle-related policies.
- To have a robust bicycle program that incorporates engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation programs.
- To have a safe and accessible network of bicycle facilities.

Members Present:

Paul Atherton, Carrboro Police Department
 Charlie Hileman, TAB Liaison
 Sharon Myers, UNC Liaison
 Dale McKeel, MPO Liaison
 Brendan Moore, Carrboro R&P Department
 Austin Brown, At-large
 Richard Goldberg, At-large
 Adena Messinger, Carrboro Planning Department

Members absent but who have since signed in support of the recommendation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
BILL SOETERS ESC LIAISON	NOV 17, 2008
Phil Altman, Carrboro R&P Commission Liaison	Nov 18, 2008
Cherie B. Ogden, Street Superintendent	Nov. 20, 2008



TOWN OF CARRBORO

PLANNING BOARD

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N**FEBRUARY 19, 2008****Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan Recommendation**

Rich Bell moved and Heidi Paulsen seconded that the Planning Board expresses appreciation for those who developed the Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan and its full support for the plan. The Planning Board makes the following additional recommendations:

- Creation of a sharrow north of Estes Drive Ext. heading north on Greensboro.
- Creation of appropriate pavement markings to guide cyclists to a safe position as they cross Estes Drive/Ext. headed north at Greensboro.
- Addition of clarifying language about the location and type (full bike lane) of bicycle facilities on Smith Level Road.
- Adoption of a sense of urgency about the need for coordination among Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Orange County, and DOT in planning for Homestead and Eubanks.
- Encourage efforts by the town to seek additional sources of funds for bicycle facilities.

AYES: (10) Barton, Bell, Carnahan, Clinton, Cook, Fritz, Paulsen, Poulton, Seils and Warner

NOES: (0); Abstentions: (0); Absent/Excused (0)


Matthew Barton 3/18/09

**Town of Carrboro
Planning Department**



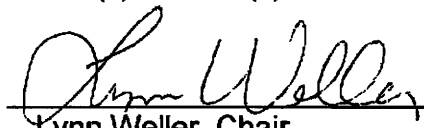
MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2009
To: Adena Messenger, Transportation Planner
Board of Aldermen
From: Environmental Advisory Board (EAB)
Through: Randy Dodd, Environmental Planner
Subject: Bike plan review comments

The EAB provides the following review comments for the bike plan:

1. The EAB endorses the plan
2. The EAB would like to recommend a sharrow on N. Greensboro at Estes Drive in the northbound direction in the east turning lane.

VOTE: AYES (4) ; NOES (0); ABSENT (3) Thomas Mullen, Diana Tetens, Dana Stidham

 3/5/09
Lynn Weller, Chair Date



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

RECOMMENDATION

March 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan

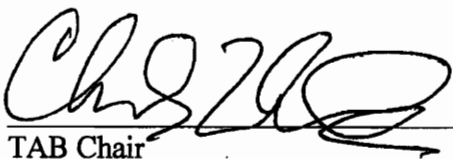
Heidi Perry moved and Daniel Amoni seconded that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan with the following additions:

1. That the recommendation on bicycle parking location be added to the Design Guidelines section.
2. That the plan include a recommendation to create a designated webpage to provide information on bicycling in Carrboro.

Ayes: (5 – Heidi Perry, Charlie Hileman, Katie Schwing, Austin Brown, Daniel Amoni)

Noes: (0)

Absent: (none)


TAB Chair

3 / 19 /09
DATE