

Southwest Durham County and Southeast Chapel Hill Collector Street Plan – Public Workshop (10/10/05)

Summary of Survey Responses

18 Participants

All 18 listed their home street name:

- Farrington Rd
- Lancaster (2)
- Chicopee Tr
- Crescent Dr (2)
- Dutchess Ln
- Pinafor Place
- Trenton Rd (2)
- Carr
- Fountain Ridge Road
- Helmsdale Drive
- Pin Oak Drive
- Beechnut Ln
- Pinehurst Dr
- Windsor Way

Out of the 18 participants who have lived in the SW Durham/SE Chapel Hill area:

- 0 lived there less than a year
- 2 (11%) lived there between 1 and 3 years
- 3 (17%) have lived there between 3 and 5 years
- 4 (22%) have lived there between 5 and 10 years
- 9 (50%) have lived there for more than 10 years

Participants rated their traveling experience in SW Durham/SE Chapel Hill as being:

- Poor (3 - 17%)
- Fair (10 – 56%)
- Very Good (4 – 22%)
- Excellent (0)
- Fair – Very Good depending on where they are driving (1 – 5%)

The participants were asked to rate the quality of each of the following components within the SW Durham/SE Chapel Hill area:

	Excellent	Very Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Highways, roads, street	0	3	8	4	0
Transit (buses, vanpools, etc)	0	1	2	6	8
Walking (sidewalks, greenways, etc)	0	1	1	16	0
Bicycling (on-road, greenways, routes, racks, etc.)	0	0	1	14	3
Signal System (traffic lights)	0	2	10	4	1

*2 participants rated Highways, roads and streets as “GOOD”, in between very good and fair, one participant did not rate this component.

* 1 participant rated Transit as Very Poor, and 1 participant rated Transit as “GOOD”, between very good and fair.

11 people described their favorite streets for travel, 7 had no response:

- Hillandale Rd from Carver St to Rose of Sharon Club Blvd from Hillandale to Broad St.
- Pope Road because it is an easy way to get to Chapel Hill
- Old Chapel Hill/Durham Rd because it is somewhat bike friendly and has good traffic flow besides during rush hour.
- San Francisco, Bent Street
- Pinehurst, Chapel Hill
- Old Chapel Hill vs 15-501
- Mt Moriah and Ephesus Church due to low traffic
- Old Chapel Hill Rd because it is scenic, safe, and not as busy as the boulevard
- Back roads because they have few lights and moderate but steady speed.
- Erwin Road because it has good travel points (to and from), good flow, low stress, and is attractive.
- Farrington Rd because it still has some nice visuals (Patterson Farm Area).

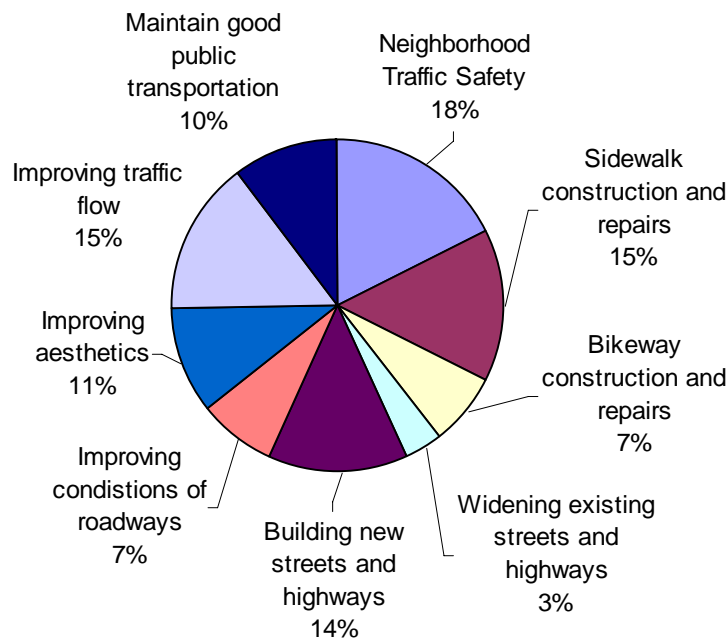
Specific areas of SW Durham/SE Chapel Hill that the participants avoid include (numbers represent number of participants with same response):

- Any major road (54, I40, 15-501) during rush hour (**2**).
- Intersection of 54 and Farrington at rush hour, total gridlock (**5**).
- Highway 54 at rush hour.
- 15-501, Mount Moriah, and I-40 due to volume of traffic.
- All at rush hour!
- 15-501 near 40 because of awful conditions.
- New Hope Plaza area due to congestion.
- 15-501 due to heavy traffic (**4**).
- Chapel Hill Blvd, Garrett Rd, and Hope Valley Rd during rush hour!

If you had \$100 to spend on transportation improvements, how would you spend it (Average dollar amounts for each category)?

- Neighborhood Traffic Safety (\$17.69)
- Improving Traffic Flow (\$14.96)
- Sidewalk Construction and Repairs (\$14.85)
- Building New Streets and Highways (\$13.85)
- Improving Street Aesthetics (\$10.58)
- Maintain Good Public Transportation (\$10.38)
- Improving Conditions of Roadways (\$7.31)
- Bikeway Construction on Roads and Greenways (\$6.92)
- Widening Existing Streets and Highways (\$3.46)

Distribution of Funds



If additional funding for transportation improvements is needed, support for the following funding sources will be provided by participants (12 people responded):

- Higher gas tax (9 votes – 75%)
- Higher development impact fees for new development (8 votes – 67%)
- Transportation bonds/borrowing (6 votes – 50%)
- Higher sales tax (3 votes – 25%)
- Tolls on roads (2 votes – 11%)
- Higher property tax (1 vote – 8%)
- Other: vehicle usage tax (fee per mile traveled)

9 people heard about the meeting because of a postcard, while 3 received an email.

Has the workshop provided you with a suitable way to communicate your ideas and share your concerns (only 8 responses)?

- Yes – 4 (50%)
- No – 1 (13%)
- Mostly/Don't Know – 3 (37%)