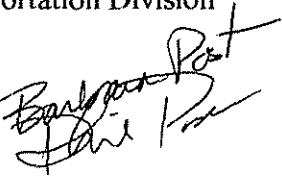


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To: Public Workshop 1/10/2006
SW Durham - SE Chapel Hill Collector Street Plan
City of Durham Transportation Division
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We are twenty-nine year residents of Southwest Durham County, currently residing in the Oaks neighborhood, Durham County.

We write:

1. To strongly support Alternative "A."
2. To strongly support the TTA corridor as shown in Alternative "A."
3. To express our concerns that none of the proposed Alternatives have a collector road through the Maida Vale development. We believe this dense neighborhood now under construction must be served by the collector road system.
4. To strongly support a collector road alignment, as attached to this letter, which will form a loop off Nottingham with one collector road connection out to SW Durham Drive. This plan leaves Kinsale connected to Nottingham only.

Discussion:

The advantage of the attached sketch over the proposed alternatives is that it will provide sufficient connectivity to and from the Oaks directly out to SW Durham Drive (near the Creekside School site), without encouraging "cut-through" traffic through the existing Oaks neighborhood.

The Oaks neighborhood is a true rural residential with public utilities subdivision at about 1 2 units per acre. The SW Durham Plan calls for "moderate" intensity in most of the SW Durham area at about 6 units per acre, with much more density around transit stops.

It is very important that these significantly more dense new neighborhoods be developed with road systems that do not degrade the quality of life in existing neighborhoods, do not present new traffic safety problems to pedestrians and children, and do not encourage "cut-through" traffic with increased automobile commotion.

Newer, dense neighborhoods like Maida Vale and other developments proposed for SW Durham require their own collector roads. The lack of such roads is a glaring deficiency in these plans.

Conclusion:

We urge that the attached modification to Alternative "A" be adopted to preserve the character of the Oaks neighborhood and to prevent "cut-through" traffic from being directed onto existing streets in the Oaks.