

Southwest Durham / Southeast Chapel Hill COLLECTOR STREET PLAN
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the scope of this study?

Existing and future collector streets, but not thoroughfares like Southwest Durham Drive, NC 54 or Interstate 40. Changes to thoroughfares would be handled through a separate, distinct public involvement process.

What is the purpose of the Plan?

To inventory existing collector streets and develop a collector street system, and recommend standards and policies to promote street connectivity.

How will the public benefit?

- Reduced reliance on major thoroughfares for short trips
- Reduced travel times without travel speed increases
- Improved routes for pedestrians, bicyclists, city buses, school buses, cars, refuse collection, mail delivery, and newspaper delivery
- Increased compatible connections between complementary land uses
- Encouraged mixed-use developments, resulting in the opportunity to bike or walk to local destinations
- More direct emergency response access
- Delayed or avoided widening of major arterials beyond four lanes

Will connected streets cause speeding in neighborhoods?

No. Rogue speeding will be minimized through careful street design and

implementation of appropriate traffic calming features.

Are there funds to construct?

No. The City and Town intend to use this Plan to guide private developers, if and when development applications are submitted. It is not the intent of this plan to suggest that local governments seek to fund and construct the network.

Lines on the map, are they real?

The maps do not necessarily reflect the actual location of a proposed street. Location decisions will be made after careful consideration and evaluation of a given street, the specific constraints related to its construction, and in the context of a land development application.

Will streets be connected?

You can expect stub-out streets to be extended and connected based on local ordinances

What about I-40 Interchange Improvements?

The North Carolina DOT and City of Durham are cooperating to implement short-term improvements to traffic flow and safety in this corridor. NCDOT has a safety plan to relieve some peak congestion on I-40 at the NC 54 ramps. Details are not available yet. Citizens who came to prior workshops suggested new ramps at I-40 and Farrington Road. This idea may be considered in the future, but is outside the scope of this collector street plan.