

MINUTES

May 18, 2010 Meeting

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb, Linda Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost, Jack Warman
- Members Absent:** Excused: Scott Carter, Steve Saltzman.
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel
- Liaisons Present:** Mike Woodard
- Guests Present:** Amanda Mansfield, Durham Police Officers (not identified)

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. Dale reported that the April meeting minutes had not been completed.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. Jack requested that an item be added New Business to discuss proposed legislation in the NC General Assembly. Dan requested that the West Ellerbee Creek Trail be added to New Business.
4. Announcements. Erik announced that the Bull City Summer Streets “ciclovia / open streets” event will be on Sunday, May 23, from 2 to 6 pm.
5. Public Comment. Amanda Mansfield told the Commission that she has moved to Durham from Portland, Oregon. She is interested in the work of BPAC and will be studying transportation planning at UNC-CH in the fall.
6. Development Review Committee Report. Dan Clever said the UDO Text amendment for bicycle parking was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on May 11. The Commission suggested that language be added to accommodate bicycle parking reduction requests. At its meeting on May 6, the Development Review Committee reviewed several rezoning requests.

Dan discussed a draft letter on the East End Connector, which states that the BPAC supports the mitigation measures in the April 5, 2010 letter of the East End Connector Ad Hoc Committee, and also requests pedestrian improvements on the east side of the interchange of NC 98 and US 70. Toby made a motion to change

the letter to state that BPAC supports the bicycle and pedestrian-related elements of the mitigation measures; Jim seconded and the motion passed 11-1. Dan moved that the letter as amended be approved, Ken seconded, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The letter will be sent to NCDOT, Board of Transportation member Chuck Watts, and City Council.

Dan discussed a list of members of the Development Review Committee who are also eligible to serve as BPAC representatives to the Development Review Board. Dan moved to endorse the list, Toby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Dan reported that the committee did not meet in May but will be meeting with Phil Loziuk in June to discuss the status of several projects and activities.
8. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg reviewed the committee's written report (attached).
9. Communications Committee. Ken reported reviewed the committee's work on Earth Day – Valet parking and the Duke Bike to Work Week event and plans for the upcoming BPAC events. He said Joe Davis with the Triangle Commuter Bike Initiative will speak at the June BPAC meeting.
10. ATT Phase E. Dan Clever provided an update on ATT Phase E and said the Major Special Use Permit and site plan were approved on May 17 by City Council.
11. Durham Bike Map. Dale reported that the final meeting of the Durham Bike Map Committee was on May 13. Good feedback has been received on the map from a number of sources. The commission reviewed a draft of the map. There was a general feeling that the proposed cover photo was not preferred; Dale said that he and the consultants would look for another photo. Linda suggested looking at the map with sunglasses to gauge readability.
12. Bicycle Friendly Community Application. Dale said the application deadline is July 16 and he continues to work on the application.
13. NC Central Bike Event. Dale said that he has been working with Stephanie Minker and Jonathon Leach on a bike event at NC Central. The date has not been set but he will provide details as they become available.
14. NC 54 – I-40 Corridor Study. Mike Woodard reported on the final public meeting on the study. He suggested that Dale send the URL for the study to BPAC, and that Leta Hunsinger attend a future meeting to present the study recommendations. Mike said the goal is for the DCHC MPO to adopt a set of recommendations in February 2011.
15. HB 1686. Jack led a discussion of HB 1686 and noted that the NC Active Transportation Alliance is opposed to the bill. There was discussion of a draft letter in opposition to the bill. On a motion by Jack, second by Ken, BPAC

unanimously voted to approve the letter and send it to Durham's legislative delegation and to the City Council and County Commissioners.

16. West Ellerbe Creek Trail Phase II. Dan briefly discussed the meeting held on May 12. The consensus from citizens present was for a signalized crossing of Guess Road and a future tunnel when the bridge/culvert over Guess Road is replaced in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting: June 15, 2010

Minutes submitted by: Dale McKeel



Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Department of Transportation • 101 City Hall Plaza • Durham, NC 27701

May 17, 2010

TO: Leza Mundt, Consultant Engineer, NCDOT
FROM: Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
RE: Recommendations for Mitigation Measures for U-0071, East End Connector

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) endorses the pedestrian and bicycle related elements of the mitigation measures recommended by the City of Durham's East End Connector Ad Hoc Committee (dated April 5, 2010), with the following additional recommendation:

- The pedestrian crossing across NC-98 just east of the on/off ramps to/from US-70 does not include any pedestrian refuges for a 7-lane section with shallow curb radii. This creates a very dangerous situation for any pedestrian trying to cross NC-98 at this location. This pedestrian crossing should be designed in a similar fashion to the pedestrian crossing across NC-98 just west of US-70, including at least one pedestrian refuge in the median and potentially a second refuge if a channelized right turn from NC-98 onto US-70 is added.

We urge you to incorporate these recommendations within the project scope and design.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about our request.

Sincerely,

Alan Dippy
BPAC Chairman

cc: Chuck Watts, NC Board of Transportation
Durham City Council
Mark Ahrendsen, Director, Durham Transportation Department
Dale McKeel, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Durham/DCHC MPO

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) to endorse the following list of individuals as members of its Development Review Subcommittee and as possible representatives to the Development Review Board:

Berla, Toby

Clever, Daniel

Dippy, Alan

Dunlop, James

Rodgers, Jennifer

Saltzman, Steve

Smith, Linda

Taylor, Dwayne

Trost, Lars

Warman, Jack

McKeel, Dale

From: durhambpac@googlegroups.com on behalf of Greg Garneau [greg.garneau@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 1:37 PM
To: durhambpac@googlegroups.com
Subject: Pedestrian Committee Report - May 4, 2010
Attachments: 100407-Revised Priority Spreadsheet Toby.pdf; 100407-Revised Priority Spreadsheet Toby.xls

Pedestrian Committee Report
Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
May 4, 2010

Eric Landfried, Dale McKeel and Greg Garneau were present.

The Committee spent the entire meeting discussing the decision model used to prioritize sidewalk projects in the Pedestrian Plan. Dale McKeel has prepared a complete prioritization of the Plan based upon updated pedestrian crash data. The re-prioritization of Intersections in the Plan was not undertaken.

It is the Pedestrian Committee's recommendation that the prioritized list (explanation and files attached below) developed by Dale McKeel be distributed to the full Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for review and comment. If the full Commission approves -- it should be used going forward by the City to plan future sidewalk improvements.

The Pedestrian Committee will develop a list of 15 high priority intersections on State Roads in Durham (treated as pedestrian safety zones) which it will present to the full Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. The list will emphasize updated pedestrian crash data as the most important among several selection criteria. Upon full Commission approval, the list will be presented to the Transportation Department so that the City might apply for Spot Improvement Funds from the NCDOT. The funds will be used to upgrade pedestrian safety at the selected intersections.

A primary goal will be the presentation of a funded construction schedule to local citizens.

The list of Prioritized Intersection Projects in the Pedestrian Plan will be consulted -- but the list presented to the Commission will be developed using updated information.

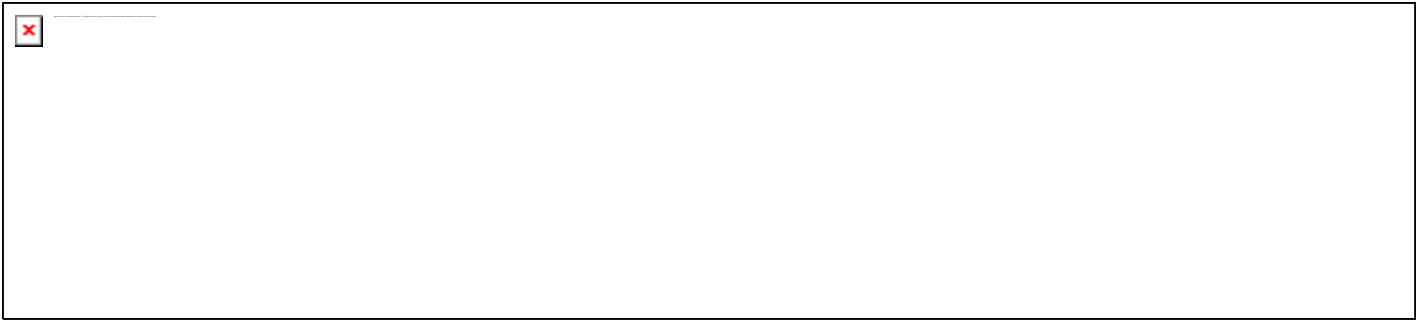
The Pedestrian Committee will welcome participation by the City's elected officials and its professional staff in the final selection and scheduling of future Pedestrian improvement projects.

Dales' explanation of his work:

Dear Erik and Toby:

I wanted to share with you my preliminary work on prioritizing the DurhamWalks sidewalk corridors using updated crash data and giving greater weight to schools and parks (these were my instructions from City Council).

2004-2009 Crash data was used. Points were assigned using the same scoring as in the original plan.



Parks and schools were weighted 25 percent higher than in the original plan.

The resulting spreadsheets are attached. The PDF file is a subset of the Excel file.

I want to review this some more and look at the impact of different weighting factors.

Dale McKeel

Toby added a helpful column (approved by Dale):

Thanks Dale. I added one column -- "Change in Rank". It shows the difference between the new and the old rank of each intersection. That column has conditional formatting. Where a project has moved up the chain (to a lower-numbered rank), the cell contents are shown in green. Projects that moved down the chain (higher-numbered rank) are shown in red.

Toby

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ID	Road Name	Extent From	Extent To	2010 Score (no weighting)	2010 Total Score	Old Rank	Old Number Rank	New Number Rank	Change in Rank
	Hope Valley A1	HWY 54	Swarthmore	8.5	14.75	A	1	1	0
	DearbornA1	Old Oxford	Ruth	7.5	12.75	A	2	2	0
	FayettevilleA2	Woodcroft	MLK	6.75	12.25	A	11	3	-8
	GarrettA1	Hope Valley	Swarthmore	7.5	12.25	A	3	4	1
40	Club1	Ruffin	Ambridge	7.5	12	A	7	5	-2
	HillandaleA2	Carver	I-85	6.25	12	A	4	6	2
152	Roxboro6	Enterprise	Cornwallis	6.75	11.75	A	17	7	-10
31	Campus Walk	Morrene	LaSalle	6.25	11.5	A	10	8	-2
	LaSalleA1	Kangaroo	Erwin	6.75	11.5	A	16	9	-7
30	Cameron	Erwin	Duke University	6.25	11.25	A	9	10	1
123	Markham2	Washington	Avondale	6.75	11.25	A	5	11	6
	AlstonA6	Carpenter Fletcher	Sedwick	6	11	A	12	12	0
176	University3	Old Chapel Hill	Hope Valley	6.5	11	A	6	13	7
	HillandaleA1	Peppertree	Carver	5.25	10.75	A	8	14	6
	AndersonA1	Lewis	Yearby	6	10.5	B	23	15	-8
20	Avondale	Roxboro	Geer	5.75	10.5	A	13	16	3
	CornwallisA1	15-501	Roxboro	5.5	10.5	A	14	17	3
61	Erwin2	Cameron	LaSalle	6.25	10.5	B	28	18	-10
	GuessA2	Carver	Horton	5.5	10.5	B	20	19	-1
	Hope Valley A4	Archdale	15-501	5.75	10.5	A	15	20	5
	AlstonA3	Cecil	Riddle	5.5	10.25	B	18	21	3
	DukeA1	Roxboro	Carver	5.25	10.25	B	19	22	3
	FayettevilleA1	Massey Chapel	Crooked Creek	5.75	10.25	B	24	23	-1
122	Markham1	Ninth	Washington	6	10	B	29	24	-5
175	University2	Martin Luther King	Old Chapel Hill	6.25	10	B	22	25	3
	AlstonA2	Holloway	NC 147	6	9.75	B	26	26	0
22	Broad1	Durham Freeway	F Street	5.25	9.75	B	53	27	-26
44	Cornwallis1	Erwin	Chapel Hill	5.5	9.75	B	36	28	-8
	DukeA2	Carver	Murray	6.25	9.75	B	27	29	2
	FayettevilleA4	Buxton	Pilot	5.25	9.75	B	55	30	-25
	HollowayA2	Miami	Junction	5.75	9.75	B	25	31	6
	HortonA2	Stadium	Roxboro	5	9.75	B	46	32	-14
	Old Chapel Hill A1	Pope	Garrett	5	9.75	B	21	33	12
156	Sedwick	Grandale	Alston	5.25	9.75	B	44	34	-10
43	Cook - Juliette	Fayetteville	Fayetteville	4.75	9.25	B	42	35	-7
	Durham - Chapel HillA3	Cornwallis	University	5.75	9.25	B	32	36	4
	HollowayA3	Junction	Chandler	5.5	9.25	B	33	37	4
1	Academy1	Duke University	Cornwallis	5.75	9	B	40	38	-2
39	Cheek	Hoover	Junction	4.5	9	B	45	39	-6
	GuessA1	Hillcrest	Carver	5.25	9	B	57	40	-17
	HortonA1	Hillandale	Stadium	4.75	9	B	38	41	3
	HWY 54A3	NC 55	Alston	4	9	B	47	42	-5
	RiddleA1	Fayetteville	HWY 55	4.75	9	B	39	43	4
184	Washington	Glendale	Urban	5.5	9	B	60	44	-16
41	Club2	Ambridge	Dearborn	5.25	8.75	B	41	45	4
	Durham - Chapel HillA1	I-40	15-501	4.75	8.75	B	54	46	-8
108	Kent2	Lakewood	University	5.5	8.75	B	48	47	-1
110	Lakewood1	Chapel Hill	University	5.5	8.75	B	49	48	-1
134	Morreene2	Campus Walk	Erwin	5.5	8.75	B	43	49	6
	RoxboroA2	Monk	Infinity	5.25	8.75	B	30	50	20
173	University1	Old Chapel Hill	Ivy Creek	5.5	8.75	B	35	51	16
179	University5	Forest Hills	Lakewood	6.25	8.75	B	52	52	0
	FayettevilleA5	Nelson	Pekoe	5	8.5	B	37	53	16
133	Morreene1	Neal	Campus Walk	4.25	8.5	B	67	54	-13
136	Murray	Broad	Roxboro	5.5	8.5	B	59	55	-4
178	University4	Hope Valley	Forest Hills	5.5	8.5	B	31	56	25
188	Cobb	Carroll	Duke	5	8.25	B	62	57	-5
	GarrettA4	15-501	Pickett	4.25	8.25	B	92	58	-34
111	Lakewood2	University	Blackwell	5	8.25	B	76	59	-17
	LaSalleA2	Sprunt	Kangaroo	5.25	8.25	B	58	60	2
15	Anderson2	Lewis	Campus	5.25	8	B	69	61	-8
	Hope Valley A3	Surrey	Archdale	4.5	8	B	64	62	-2
114	Latta	Guess	Roxboro	4.75	8	B	65	63	-2
117	Liberty1	Dillard	Alston	4.25	8	B	50	64	14
118	Liberty2	Park	Miami	5	8	B	101	65	-36
199	Milton	Tom Wilkinson	Roxboro	4	8	B	66	66	0
	AlstonA1	Trinity	Holloway	4.75	7.75	B	79	67	-12
	FayettevilleA3	MLK	Buxton	4.25	7.75	B	73	68	-5
	HollowayA1	Guthrie	Miami	5	7.75	B	94	69	-25
	HWY 54A1	Fayetteville	Barbee	4.75	7.75	B	34	70	36
141	Old Oxford	Roxboro	Dearborn	4.25	7.75	B	95	71	-24
	RiddleA2	HWY 55	Ellis	4.75	7.75	B	88	72	-16
169	Trinity2	Rosetta	Edgar	5	7.75	B	78	73	-5
2	Academy2	Cornwallis	University	4.75	7.5	B	97	74	-23
23	Broad2	F Street	North Pointe	4.25	7.5	B	61	75	14
46	Cornwallis3	Fayetteville	TW Alexander	4.25	7.5	B	63	76	13
57	Duke6	Cobb	Lakewood	5.25	7.5	B	71	77	6
60	Erwin1	I-40	HWY 751	4	7.5	B	82	78	-4
62	Erwin3	Flowers	Pettigrew	4.75	7.5	B	83	79	-4
129	Miami	Angier	Stirrup Creek	3.75	7.5	B	86	80	-6
132	Morehead3	Duke	Roxboro	4.5	7.5	B	51	81	30
142	Pettigrew	Fayetteville	Briggs	4.5	7.5	B	87	82	-5
	RoxboroA1	Pacific	Monk	4.25	7.5	B	89	83	-6

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157	Shannon	Durham-Chapel Hill	Old Chapel Hill	4.75	7.5	B	68	84	16
163	Taylor1	Elizabeth	Alston	4.25	7.5	B	90	85	-5
28	Buchanan3	Trinity	Club	4.75	7.25	B	103	86	-17
38	Chapel Hill5	Vesson	University	4	7.25	B	70	87	17
53	Duke2	Leon	Club	4.75	7.25	B	91	88	-3
	Durham - Chapel HillA2	15-501	Cornwallis	4	7.25	B	72	89	17
191	Freeman	Clayton	Valmet	4.25	7.25	B	100	90	-10
	GarrettA3	Old Chapel Hill	15-501	4	7.25	B	56	91	35
94	Hillandale1	Rose of Sharon	Peppertree	3.25	7.25	B	93	92	-1
192	Hillsborough1	Sparger	LaSalle	4	7.25	B	74	93	19
	HWY 54A2	Barbee	NC55	4	7.25	B	75	94	19
138	North Pointe	Woodmont	Broad	4.5	7.25	B	77	95	18
162	Swift	Duke University	Durham Freeway	4	7.25	B	96	96	0
	DearbornA2	Ruth	Club	3.5	7	B	99	97	-2
55	Duke4	Peabody	Memorial	4	7	B	81	98	17
151	Roxboro5	Holloway	Liberty	4.75	7	B	102	99	-3
194	Holt School	Valley	Duke	3.25	6.75	C	120	100	-20
	AlstonA5	Cornwallis	Carpenter Fletcher	3.5	6.5	B	80	101	21
21	Barbee	Fayetteville	Herndon	3.5	6.5	B	98	102	4
75	Geer3	Elizabeth	Miami	4.5	6.5	B	84	103	19
76	Geer4	Miami	Great Bend	4.25	6.5	B	106	104	-2
80	Glendale2	I-85	Corporation	4.5	6.5	C	117	105	-12
96	Hillandale3	I-85	Fulton	4.5	6.5	B	85	106	21
115	Lebanon	Guess	Guess	3.5	6.5	B	109	107	-2
116	Leon	Duke	Glendale	3.5	6.5	B	110	108	-2
201	Main	Briggs	Gary	3.5	6.5	B	111	109	-2
165	Taylor3	Guthrie	Gary	3.25	6.5	B	113	110	-3
54	Duke3	Club	Minerva	4	6.25	C	116	111	-5
197	Juniper	Hanover	Miami	4.25	6.25	B	108	112	4
107	Kent1	Morehead	Lakewood	4	6.25	C	123	113	-10
87	Gregson2	Club	Markham	4.25	6	B	107	114	7
	RoxboroA3	Infinity	Tom Wilkinson	3	6	B	112	115	3
198	Tom Wilkinson	Milton	Roxboro	2.5	6	C	124	116	-8
37	Chapel Hill4	Huron	Anderson	3.25	5.75	C	114	117	3
	CornwallisA2	Roxboro	Fayetteville	3.5	5.75	C	115	118	3
49	Dacian	Buchanan	Watts	3	5.75	C	142	119	-23
	GarrettA2	Swarthmore	Old Chapel Hill	2.75	5.75	B	104	120	16
137	Ninth	Club	Pettigrew	3.25	5.75	C	146	121	-25
170	Umstead1	Scout	Merrick	4	5.75	B	105	122	17
16	Archdale1	Old Chapel Hill	Hope Valley	3.25	5.5	C	118	123	5
189	Dixon	University	Archdale	2.75	5.5	C	132	124	-8
92	Hart	Maple	Harvard	2.75	5.5	C	133	125	-8
195	Hyde Park	Fern	Drew	3.5	5.5	C	121	126	5
105	James	Lakewood	University	3.25	5.5	C	122	127	5
202	Newby	Horton	Holt School	2.25	5.5	C	155	128	-27
139	Oakland	Sprunt	Green	4	5.5	C	147	129	-18
181	Vickers	Proctor	University	3.5	5.5	C	136	130	-6
183	Ward	Chapel Hill	Forest Hills	4	5.5	C	130	131	1
24	Broad3	Eatondale	Carver	3.5	5.25	C	138	132	-6
26	Buchanan2	Yancey	Main	3	5.25	C	125	133	8
35	Chapel Hill2	Maplewood	Lakewood	3.25	5.25	C	139	134	-5
42	Cole Mill	Sparger	Hillsborough	3.25	5.25	C	141	135	-6
125	Maryland	Guess	Club	4	5.25	C	135	136	1
146	Rose of Sharon	Cole Mill	Guess	2.25	5.25	C	128	137	9
161	Swarthmore	end	Hope Valley	2.25	5.25	C	149	138	-11
180	Urban	Buchanan	Washington	2.75	5.25	C	129	139	10
4	Albany	Sprunt	Indian	3.75	5	C	137	140	3
	AlstonA4	Riddle	Cornwallis	2.75	5	C	150	141	-9
	AlstonA7	Sedwick	TW Alexander	2.75	5	C	151	142	-9
186	Briggs	Holloway	Main	3.25	5	C	131	143	12
187	Casa	Valley	Horton	2	5	C	152	144	-8
193	Hillsborough2	LaSalle	Ninth	3.25	5	C	119	145	26
104	Indian	Hillandale	Albany	3.75	5	C	144	146	2
145	Ridgeway	Mathison	Lakeland	2.5	5	C	156	147	-9
203	Valley	Casa	Holt School	2	5	C	157	148	-9
34	Chapel Hill1	Kent	Carroll	3	4.75	C	158	149	-9
36	Chapel Hill3	Prince	Huron	3	4.75	C	140	150	10
70	Foster	Hunt	Monmouth	3.25	4.75	C	126	151	25
89	Guess1	Bramble	Redmond	2.75	4.75	C	143	152	9
109	Knox1	Watts	Vista	3.5	4.75	C	154	153	-1
124	Martin Luther King	Yorktown	HWY 55	2.75	4.75	C	145	154	9
130	Morehead1	Anderson	Shepherd	3	4.75	C	160	155	-5
	Old Chapel Hill A2	University	Archdale	2.75	4.75	C	127	156	29
	Old Chapel Hill A3	Archdale	University	2.75	4.75	C	148	157	9
	Hope Valley A2	Swarthmore	Surrey	2.5	4.5	C	134	158	24
121	Maple2	Taylor	Angier	2.75	4.5	C	164	159	-5
25	Buchanan1	Old Chapel Hill	Butler	1.75	4.25	C	167	160	-7
83	Green2	Carolina	Ninth	2.5	4.25	C	180	161	-19
84	Green3	Ninth	Broad	3	4.25	C	159	162	3
182	Wabash	end	Plum	2.5	4.25	C	172	163	-9
3	Acadia	Knox	Markham	2.75	4	C	165	164	-1
18	Archdale2	Alpine	Oak Ridge	2	4	C	161	165	4
63	Everett	Arbor	Edgevale	2.75	4	C	169	166	-3

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TO: Representatives Hall, Luebke, Michaux, and Wilkins
Senators Atwater and McKissick

FROM: Alan Dippy, Chair, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

DATE: 24 May 2010

RE: House Bill 1686, Bicycle Safety Changes

The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) is a citizen's advisory commission that was created by the city and county of Durham. In addition to advising local governing bodies on bicycle and pedestrian issues, BPAC is also charged with studying changes in laws and regulations concerning bicycle and pedestrian issues.

BPAC is writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 1686, "Bicycle Safety Changes." This draft legislation limits cyclists' rights as vehicle operators to use the full lane of the road and does not meet the aims expressed in its short title, "Bicycle Safety Changes."

As the North Carolina Active Transportation Alliance (NCATA) notes, "[i]f passed by the General Assembly, this legislation sets a precedent for limiting allowed use of the full travel lane by cyclists. Bicycles are currently recognized as vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities on the roadway as other vehicles. This legal standing is an important recognition of cyclists' access to the full lane as a protective measure -- research indicates that cyclists are safest when they are most visible to other roadway users and behave predictably by 'driving' like a vehicle."

Further, in discussing the safety of scenarios in which motorists are overtaking cyclists, the NCATA added, "...it is often much safer and easier for cars to pass a group of two- or even three-abreast cyclists than it is to pass a single-file line, because riding abreast shortens the length of the group. For example, once a group reaches 12 riders, there are rarely opportunities on our winding NC roads for cars to see far enough ahead that they can safely predict when to pass such a long line. A '2 x 6' formation is therefore safer and more courteous than '1 x 12.'"

While it is noble to consider improvements to traffic code that enhance the safety of bicyclists, this proposed legislation fails to meet that goal, while placing an unnecessary restriction on normal vehicular operation by North Carolina's cyclists. We encourage you to reach out to the cycling community to further the discussion about legislation that can improve bicycle safety, Durham's BPAC would be eager to participate in such conversations.

cc: Durham City Council
Durham Board of County Commissioners
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Dale McKeel, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Durham