

November 16, 2009

TO: Hon. Kevin Foy, Mayor

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council

Dear Mayor Foy and Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of CCBC (Campus-to-Campus Bicycle Connection), a recently formed working group of NRG (Neighbors for Responsible Growth). We want to share the goals and work of our group, propose specific milestones, and request your assistance in promoting a town-wide discussion of possible routes for a bike connection between Carolina North and central campus.

The goal of CCBC is to bring together citizens of Chapel Hill and neighboring communities to help plan the bicycle/pedestrian connection that will be built between the UNC main campus and Carolina North. We are promoting an off-road connection for much of that route, consistent with the aims stated in the Development Agreement (secs. 5.8.19 and 5.16.2). Our broader purpose is to facilitate discussion in the biking community, and assist you and the Town and UNC staff who have the responsibility for planning and building this connection.

We encourage all citizens who are interested in this connection – especially those who have experience or knowledge of bicycling in this area or constructing bike trails – to join our group, bring their ideas to us, and participate in our discussions. The link to our google group can be found on the NRG website <a href="https://www.nrg-nc.net">www.nrg-nc.net</a>.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will propose three possible routes that CCBC has identified for a bicycle path, and we will describe the advantages and challenges we see for building paths on each of these routes. We will ask the staff to provide meaningful milestones leading up to the UNC-Town report that is due in November, 2010.

We are gratified that the UNC and Town Technical Committee is sponsoring a workshop on December 1<sup>st</sup> to gain citizen input on possible routes. It is important to publicize this event widely. We encourage you to attend.

We request that you refer this letter and our petition to the Town advisory boards and invite them to comment on our recommended milestones and our suggestions for further engaging citizens in this discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas MacLean for

NRG CCBC Working Group