

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Jed Dube, Chair
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Traffic Issues on Cameron Avenue

DATE: May 26, 2004

At its May 25, 2004 meeting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board members considered the Town Manager's memo dated May 10, 2004, a suggested alternate treatment for the road from Board member Nick Lurie and a recommendation from the Transportation Board May 18, 2004. The Board did not support Nick Lurie's suggestion and made the recommendations set out on the attached summary of board action.

I request that this matter be reconsidered and acted upon at your earliest opportunity, preferably before the summer recess in order that any changes can be installed before the start of the new school year.

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SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD ACTION

Subject: Traffic Issues on Cameron Avenue

Meeting Date: May 25, 2004

Recommendation: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board recommends that further to the Town Council meeting of May 10, 2004 and the Transportation Board meeting of May 18, 2004 that:

Cameron Avenue is re-striped with bicycle lanes and that on-street parking is eliminated 24 hours a day between Merrit Mill Road and Pittsboro Street.

Vote: 4 - 3.

Aye: Jed Dube (Chair), Kate Millard, Claire Millar and Nick Lurie.

Nay: Wayne Pein, Heidi Perry, Tim Saunders.

Heidi Perry dissented stating a preference for the original Bicycle and Pedestrian Board recommendation of February 25, 2003, for striped bicycle lanes 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday which allowed for parking at night as that had not been considered to be a problem.

Tim Saunders dissented stating that the removal of parked vehicle would in effect widen the available travel lanes and without width restriction this would lead to an increase in motor vehicle traffic speed on the road.

Wayne Pein dissented stating that existing arrangement provided appropriate facilities for all road users and was safe for cyclists.

The Board then recommended the following contingency that:

If the Town decides to leave Cameron Avenue with its present arrangement that the Board would like to see bicycle lanes striped as they were before they were removed.

Vote: 7 - 0.

Aye: Jed Dube (Chair), Kate Millard, Claire Millar Nick Lurie.

Heidi Perry, Tim Saunders, Wayne Pein

Comments: Before a vote was taken on this a Board member withdrew from the meeting without being excused by the Board. In accordance with the Board handbook such an abstention is recorded as an affirmative vote.

Prepared by: Jed Dube, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

MEMO

Date: June 2, 2004

To: Chapel Hill Town Council

From: Chapel Hill Transportation Board

Subject: Recommendation to Council Regarding Bicycle Facilities/Parking on Cameron Avenue

At its regularly-scheduled June 1st meeting the Chapel Hill Transportation Board voted 6-0 to recommend to the Town Council that it adopt the Recommendation to Council approved by the Bicycle and pedestrian Board at its May 25th meeting regarding possible changes to the bicycle facilities and parking on Cameron Avenue. The Transportation Board agrees with all of the recommendations of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Board, including its contingencies, but strongly favors the primary recommendation.

In addition, the Transportation Board reiterates its position that removal of parking on Cameron Avenue should not negatively impact the adjoining neighborhoods since most are signed for residential permit use and those that aren't currently signed can apply for such.

Members in Attendance: Cianciolo, Dobbins, Eldridge, Hintz, Howe, Koontz



George Cianciolo
Chair