

## TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL 306 North Columbia Street Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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February 12, 2002

Lyndo Tippett Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation 1501 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

Dear Secretary Tippett:

I am writing on behalf of the Chapel Hill Town Council to ask that the Department suspend planning efforts for improvements to Weaver Dairy Road (for the Council's specific action, please see the attached resolution of January 28, 2002). The Council is making this request so that it can take more time to consider alternatives to the plans currently underway. Residents in Chapel Hill are very concerned about the safety of the road, but are also concerned about the proposed widening. The Council believes that it would be beneficial to give the matter further consideration, in the hope that a resolution can be devised that will accommodate the many varying concerns.

You and the Department have worked closely with the Town on this matter in the past, and we are most grateful for your willingness to work with the community. We trust that you will recognize that this action by the Council is taken in what we consider the best interests of all parties. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other projects in Chapel Hill.

Very truly,

Kevin C. Foy

Mayor

cc:

Doug Galyon, Chair, Board of Transportation
Len Sanderson, Highway Administration

I, Joyce A. Smith, CMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2002-01-28/R-8b, adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on January 28, 2002.

This the 11th day of February, 2002.

Joyce A. Smith, CMC

Town Clerk



A RESOLUTION ASKING THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE WIDENING OF WEAVER DAIRY ROAD (2002-01-28/R-8b)

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council agreed in 2001 to a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) plan to widen Weaver Dairy Road to a four-lane road with median; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council now wishes to reconsider the matter of the configuration of Weaver Dairy Road; and

WHEREAS, reconsideration may require the need for collection of further information and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT is currently planning for the widening previously agreed to by the Council, but the Council wishes to defer the planning until such time as it has had sufficient time to reconsider the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby requests that the Mayor communicate with the NCDOT on behalf of the Town and request the following:

- 1. That the NCDOT immediately suspend all planning, including engineering planning, for the widening of Weaver Dairy Road; and
- 2. Ask that any funds allocated by NCDOT not be allocated away from Chapel Hill until the Town communicates the result of its reconsideration of this issue; and
- 3. That the planning remain suspended until such time as the Chapel Hill Town Council reconsiders its earlier decision, and formally communicates the results of its reconsideration to the NCDOT.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002.