

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SEEK STATE APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND MOBILITY AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE INTERSECTION OF NC 54 AND HAMILTON ROAD IN CHAPEL HILL (99-9-27/R-11)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill is concerned about pedestrian safety and mobility at and in the vicinity of the intersection of NC 54 and Hamilton Road; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received recommendations from the "Special Work Group to Study the NC 54/Hamilton Road Intersection Area" which propose measures to mitigate area residents' concerns about pedestrian safety and mobility at and in the vicinity of this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received a report including Town staff comments about the Work Group recommendations; and

WHEREAS several of the Work Group recommendations would require State approval for implementation; and

WHEREAS, it is the Council's desire to have the State review and approve implementation of improvements at and in the vicinity of the NC 54/Hamilton Road intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council endorses the following improvement recommendations from the "Special Work Group to Study the NC 54/Hamilton Road Intersection Area" which require State approval:

- 1) Create textured and colored crosswalks.
- 2) Landscape the NC 54 median from US 15-501 to Burning Tree Drive.
- 3) Construct sidewalks and planting strips along NC 54 from Burning Tree Drive to Hamilton Road.
- 4) Place rumble strips in all lanes of both NC 54 approaches in advance of the NC 54/Hamilton Road intersection.
- 5) Re-evaluate signing along NC 54 near and at the intersection.
- 6) Designate the segment of NC 54 at the intersection as a School Zone.
- 7) Provide pedestrian signal heads at all four corners.
- 8) Institute no turn on red.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Manager to seek State approval of the above listed improvement recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Manager to proceed promptly with the following improvement recommendations which are already in progress and/or do not require State approval:

- A. Construct sidewalks along both sides of NC 54.
- B. Work with the State to reduce sign clutter and confusion along NC 54 in the vicinity of Hamilton Road.
- C. Provide uniform clothing and equipment to clearly designate school crossing guards, and make every reasonable effort to assure that backups are available in case of crossing guard absences.
- D. Submit a letter on behalf of the Town Council to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board requesting that consideration be given to developing a pedestrian education program in the schools.
- E. Provide consistent traffic enforcement efforts at and in the vicinity of the NC 54/Hamilton Road intersection to the maximum extent possible with available resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Manager to identify possible funding sources and to seek necessary funding to implement all improvement recommendations if and when they are approved by the State.

This the 27th day of September, 1999.

(Amended 9/28/99; 10/14/99)