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Mayor Kevin Foy &
Chapel Hill Town Council
Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27518-05705

Subject: Request for Expedited Review of a Special Use Permit
UNC Park and Ride at Chapel Hill Bible Church

Dear Mayor Foy and Council Members:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill requests an expedited review of the Special Use Permit application for a modification to the Special Use Permit for the Chapel Hill Bible Church. The modification to the existing Special Use Permit is required by the change in use, from Church parking to permit park and ride use. We are not proposing an expansion of the existing facility as part of this modification. The University will be the applicant on this project while the Church remains the owner.

We believe this project meets Council's criteria for expedited review because the provision of alternate means of transportation is in the public interest and fulfills a public objective.

Park and ride permits are normally issued by the University's Department of Public Safety at the beginning of an academic semester. Our goal would be to issue permits for use as early as Fall Session 2006. Proceeding without expedited review would most likely result in a permit in the summer of 2007 which is not a peak demand season.

Furthermore, waiting until the summer for a permit represents a missed opportunity to improve transportation options for those commuting into Chapel Hill from the north during a period of on-going construction on campus. We expect the Traffic Impact Statement to be complete as early as March 1st and we are prepared to submit our concept plan in March as well.

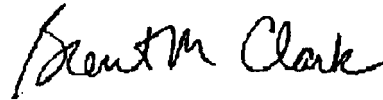
In light of the fact that this modification is required only because of the change in use, and given the University and Town's shared commitment to alternative transportation, we request that you consider and approve a request for expedited review.

Sincerely,



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Acknowledged,



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