

Petition to Chapel Hill Town Council

From: Mt. Carmel Church Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods along Mt. Carmel Church Road are petitioning the Town of Chapel Hill and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for improvements to Mt. Carmel Church Road for the following reasons:

1. Mt. Carmel Church Road has become increasingly dangerous for all who use it.

Mt. Carmel Church/Bennett intersection:

- August 2002 – present: 12 accidents**
- Daily “near misses” heard by nearby neighbors**

Contributing factors:

- Vehicles travelling in excess of posted speed limit.**
- Winding road creates blind curve at intersections**
- Growth in Chatham has increased traffic volume significantly.**
This includes a parade of construction trucks.

2. The road has no accommodations for safe crossing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

- Our homes are less than 2 miles from:

**Mary Scroggs Elementary
Culbreth Middle School
Southern Community Park
businesses in Southern Village
Morgan Creek greenway**

Despite our proximity we are unable to access these facilities due to the dangerous nature of Mt. Carmel Church Road.

Our goals in making this request are:

1. To make Mt. Carmel Church Road safe for all who use it.
2. To create a system of intersections and crosswalks that will provide safe and convenient access to local schools, parks, mass transit and businesses. These improvements should support all types of traffic: auto, bicycling and pedestrian.

What we're really saying is:

"People live here and cross and drive and walk and run and bike and use this road! Don't run over us!"

This is where sidewalks and crosswalks could help in multiple ways.

Last night a group of 30 neighbors met with Kumar Neppalli, and representatives from the police department, NCDOT and other town traffic-related services. Another meeting has been scheduled for July 9. During the meeting we requested the following:

1. Reduction in the speed limit along Mt. Carmel Church Road to 30 mph.
2. Use of lights and roundabouts along Mt. Carmel Church Road.
- If light: triggered by vehicle and pedestrian button
3. Flashing light or other warning before blind curve
4. Sidewalks from Lombard and along Bennett to 15/501
5. Curbs at all 4 corners of the MCCR/Bennett intersection and sidewalk to the stop sign at Azalea.
6. Sidewalks along Mt. Carmel Church to 15/501
7. Improvements to light at 15/501:
Pedestrian button
Lengthen light time for those crossing 15/501

Thank you for your time.