

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Lance Norris, Public Works Director
J.B. Culpepper, Planning Director
Kumar Neppalli, Engineering Services Manager

SUBJECT: 2009 University of North Carolina Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation

DATE: February 8, 2010

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the “2009 Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation” prepared by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The University is required to prepare this report each year in accordance with its Development Plan permit. The report discusses a variety of transportation issues associated with development activity in the Office/Institutional-4 (OI-4) Zoning District on the University campus.

No action is required by the Council.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On June 27, 2005, the Council approved a resolution requiring that the University submit an Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation associated with development in the Office/Institutional-4 (OI-4) Zoning District on the University campus. The Council also approved the guidelines for the development of the Report. A copy of the resolution and the guidelines are provided in Attachment 1.

The Council resolution requires that:

- The University provide the Town with an annual report titled “Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation;”
- The annual transportation report be provided in addition to a biennial “Transportation Impact Analysis Report;”
- The annual transportation report be submitted in December of each year beginning in December 2005 and thereafter until the end of the current Development Plan cycle; and
- The annual report be a condensed, stand-alone document prepared and organized as follows:
 - Overview of the Development Plan;
 - Discussion of changes in transportation issues associated with the Development Plan; and

- Discussion of mitigation measures and recommendations including the existing and the proposed traffic calming measures on campus and in adjacent neighborhoods.

The Council previously received the University's 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Annual Development Plan Reports on Transportation. The 2009 report is provided in Attachment 2. A copy of the most recent biennial University Transportation Impact Analysis Report is available for review in the Town Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and in the Planning Department.

Town staff reviewed the report and agrees that the report, in general, is prepared in accordance with the approved guidelines. Traffic volume generally remained stable, or in some cases, decreased from 2007. Traffic signal upgrades with pedestrian facilities and bicycle amenities at the intersections of Fordham Boulevard/Manning Drive and Fordham Boulevard/Old Mason Farm Road are expected to be implemented within the next three to four months.

Traffic signal upgrades include pedestrian crosswalks, countdown heads and bicycle activated loops. The signal designs for both locations were completed by the University and the construction is expected to start within the next three to four months.

We have provided a copy of the annual report along with this Council memorandum to several interested citizens in neighborhoods adjacent to the University campus. This information is also available for citizen review on the Town's website.

Town and the University staff will be present at the Council meeting to discuss the report in detail and to answer questions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. June 27, 2005 Council Resolution and Guidelines for Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation (p. 3).
2. 2009 Annual Development Plan Report on Transportation (p. 5).