

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUMS

Subject: Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2035 Long Range Transit Plan

Meeting Dates:

December 8, 2009	Public Input Meeting
January 12, 2009	Public Input Meeting

Recommendation: The following is a summary of comments received at public input sessions that were held between November and January 2010.

BRT / LRT

- The plan needs to address/recognize light rail in the 54 corridor
- Consider the rail right of way as an alternative way to serve Carolina North
- Connect UNC main campus to Carolina North with rail line through Carrboro
- Connect I-40 to Carolina North and main campus with rail line
- Use of BRT is short sighted-fossil fuels should be de-emphasized
- BRT is good idea for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- Build BRT but don't widen Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
- Build BRT but implement strategies and technologies that make it even more difficult to drive
- Is BRT too flexible

Bus Service

- Plan did not address needs of those who live in Chapel Hill/Carrboro
- Plan needed to address Chapel Hill Transit regular routes/cross town routes/circulators
- Long Range Transit Plan needed to look at expanded operating hours/evening and weekend

- What efforts were made to look at system integration with other transit providers, bike/pedestrian facilities
- There was no consideration for the disabled population in service or facilities

General

- Plan is too traditional – should be redone to emphasize impact on global warming and new energy sources
- Long Range Transit is not a transit plan but a corridor study

Financial

- Can we afford this plan?
- Over the long run which is more cost effective BRT or LRT?
- Long Range cost when considered with revenue from development may make LRT more cost effective than BRT

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