

To: Mayor and Town Council
Subject: Petitions to Town Council
Date: September 24, 2004
From: Chapel Hill Transportation Board

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

Based on actions from its September 7th and September 21st meetings, the Transportation Board would like to submit the following petitions for consideration by the Town Council:

Petition #1: The Chapel Hill Transportation Board requests that the Town Ordinance regulating standards for taxi cabs be made more congruent with those of the RDU Airport Authority and/or neighboring municipalities. In particular, we believe that CH taxi cabs should be required to have air conditioning, in addition to heating, and that heat and or air conditioning should be provided when requested by a rider. The current ordinance only requires that heat be available. If the Council refers this petition to Staff, we would request that other aspects of the current ordinance be reviewed for updating as necessary or appropriate.

This petition by the Transportation Board results from a complaint to a Board member by a Southern Village resident that a taxi driver refused to provide air conditioning on a ride from Southern Village to RDU on a sweltering August day.

Petition #2: The Chapel Hill Transportation Board requests that the Town Council evaluate the feasibility of making the westbound lane of the access road on the south side of 15-501, at the intersection with Old Chapel Hill Road, a "right-turn only" onto Old Chapel Hill Road. This intersection (by the Hardees) is an extremely busy one and cars attempting to turn left from the access road often either (1) cause disruption to the traffic flow on Old Chapel Hill Road or (2) by attempting to "jump out" ahead of oncoming traffic, create the potential for dangerous situations.

Petition #3: The Chapel Hill Transportation Board requests that the Town Council evaluate the feasibility of making the intersection of Meadowmont Parkway and Cedar Club Circle a 4-way stop. Traffic at this intersection is steadily increasing as the number of residents at the Cedars increases and several residents of the Cedars have expressed concern about exiting Cedar Club Circle onto Meadowmont Parkway without the added protection of stop signs on Meadowmont Parkway.

Thank you for your consideration of these petitions.

George Cianciolo (Chair)

for the Transportation Board