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SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: NC 86/Airport Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Mobility Report

Meeting Date: October 19, 2004

- **Recommendation:** The Planning Board strongly recommends the Council consider the N.C. 86/Airport Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Mobility Report with all due diligence. This is an ambitious set of recommendations. Prioritizing what needs to be done in the context of Budget and related Town plans (for example, Capital Improvement, Bicycle and Pedestrian Long-Term etc.) is an important exercise. Planning Board offers the following observations and comments:
 - Board priorities for implementing the Study include:
 - Pedestrian crosswalks
 - Moving bus stops to intersections
 - Roundabouts/traffic circles
 - The Board liked the different pavement treatment for bike lanes shown on page 31.
 - The Board endorses the idea of raised crosswalks.
 - The Board supports painting crosswalks and adding flashing lights.
 - The Board believes the proposed redesign of Weaver Dairy Road to add a continuous median by Timberlyne Shopping Center may have negative safety impacts. Drivers making U-turns may affect the pedestrian safety on Airport Road.
 - The Board suggests implementing ways to cut down on drivers turning right on red, a safety problem for pedestrians.
 - The Board suggests paying close attention to the visual impact of changes/additions to the area.
 - The Board suggests coordinating this study with the Airport Road/Columbia Street project to enhance pedestrian safety.
 - The Plan should take note of the potential impact of Carolina North on the corridor.

Vote: 9-0

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