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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Carrboro Board of Aldermen  
Chapel Hill Town Council

**From:** Steve Stewart, Carrboro Town Manager  
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**Date:** November 19, 2004

**Subject:** Fixed Guideway Corridor Between UNC Campus and Carolina North

On September 27, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a resolution on the 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The resolution recommended that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) approve the LRTP with four comments. The fourth comment was related to the fixed guideway corridor between the UNC Campus and Carolina North and stated: The fixed guideway map be altered to show Franklin Street as the useable corridor to points west of Columbia Street.

The TAC discussed the Chapel Hill resolution at its meeting on September 29 and agreed to incorporate the first three comments into the LRTP. The TAC referred the fourth comment regarding the fixed guideway corridor back to the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill for further consideration before action by the TAC.

On October 28, the town managers and staff from Chapel Hill and Carrboro met to discuss the fixed guideway corridor and the directive from the TAC. There was consensus to ask the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to endorse the following recommendations to the TAC:

1. The description of the fixed guideway corridor in the 2030 LRTP should remain as it was in the 2025 LRTP.
2. Prior to the adoption of the next updated LRTP, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO will undertake a study of the fixed guideway corridor to determine feasible alignments and appropriate vehicle technologies. This study would be similar to the major investment study previously completed for the US 15-501 corridor between Chapel Hill and Durham.

We believe that more detailed analysis is necessary to finalize the fixed guideway corridor between the University main campus and the Carolina North property. The designation of the fixed guideway corridor included in the 2030 LRTP is flexible enough to allow a final designation in the future.

Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.