

**SUMMARY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION**

**Subject:** Sidewalks and Bicycle Facilities Construction Plan 2004-2005

**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2004

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board recommend that:

- The list of sidewalks proposed for construction should not be limited to sidewalks located on Town maintained streets. In addition to using Town funds as match funds to leverage the limited funds that may be available through the STPDA program, as recommended in the Town Manager's memorandum of November 8, 2004, the Town Council should also consider funding some of the high priority, but less expensive improvements that have been identified for State maintained streets.

Reasons:

- The Board was concerned that Town funds should be used to construct projects which are most needed regardless of whether they are Town maintained or State maintained Streets. That therefore the construction plan should include expenditure on a mix of Town maintained and State maintained projects. The Board considers that over time focusing only on Town maintained streets could lead to the construction of facilities on the priority lists which have less utility, than improvements that are needed on State maintained streets.
- They consider that the benefit of providing facilities on State maintained streets would result in needed facilities being provided sooner rather than waiting indefinitely for the State to fund them.
- They consider that the Town should consider funding some of the smaller but more highly visible sidewalks on State maintained streets.
- They suggested that a flow chart be made to explain how the Town Manager's preliminary recommendations for sidewalk construction were made.
- The Board discussed the pros and cons of using limited resources to improve existing sidewalks constructed of Chapel Hill gravel, understanding that each location should be considered on a case by case basis.

**Vote:** 6 - 1

**Ayes:** Jed Dube (Chair), Claire Millar, Brian Decker, Alice Neebe, Wayne Pein and Nick Lurie.

**Nays:** Kate Millard

**Dissenting opinion:** That the Town should not spend money where improvements could be paid for by the State.

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