

**SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACTION**

**Subject:** Preliminary Report on Ways to Improve Pedestrian Travel Around Town Hall and Intersection of Airport Road and Columbia Street.

**Meeting Date:** September 7, 2004

**Recommendation:** The Transportation Board voted 6-0 to recommend Council the following:

- The Board endorsed project numbers 11, 13 and 9 as high priorities for implementation.
- The identified project number 12 as a low priority.

**Members Present:** Cianciolo, Juliano, Easthom, Barnes, Howe, Dashputre

**Vote:** 6-0

**Aye:** Cianciolo, Juliano, Easthom, Barnes, Howe, Dashputre

**Nay:** None

**Prepared By:** George Cianciolo, Chair *GC*  
David Bonk, Principal Transportation Planner *DB*

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

**Subject:** Preliminary Report on Ways to Improve Pedestrian Travel around Town Hall and at the Intersection of Airport Rd. & Columbia St.

**Meeting Date:** September 28, 2004

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board make the following comments:

- Item 5            *Flashing warning light and slow sign N. Columbia St north of Stephens St.*  
The Board supports this improvement.
- Item 7            *Stop Signs at N. Columbia St. and Stephens St.*  
The Board considers that because stop signs are cheap to install they are improperly used as devices to reduce speed. This then encourages abuse of stop signs in general. The Board considers that the Town should try some other traffic calming device in this location such as but not limited to choking down the width of the travel lanes or a chicane.
- Item 8 & 9        *Speed Table N. Columbia St and realigned intersection.*  
Improvements 8 and 9 need to be implemented in conjunction and with the following considerations: Further study needs to be made to decide appropriate alignment. Special attention needs to be given to impact on the accesses to dwellings and the fire station. The Fire Chief and local residents should be consulted. The Board suggests that before spending money on making permanent alterations, if possible, proposed improvements should be laid out for a trial period to test that they are a suitable long-term solution.
- Item 11           *Raised Pedestrian Refuge in center turn lane Airport Rd*  
The Board supports this and suggests any refuge should be of a consistent type and design as other crossing improvements which are recommended in the HSRC NC 86/Airport Road study which was commissioned by the Town Council.
- Item 12           *Sidewalks north side of Stephens St*  
The Board considers that building a sidewalk on the north side of the street could have more disadvantages than advantages. There is currently parking on both sides of the street which slows traffic speeds. Constructing a sidewalk would likely remove parking from one side, impact mature trees and increase traffic speeds due to the removal of congestion.
- Item 13           *Lighting Stephens St and Parking Lot*  
The Board supports improved lighting here.
- Item 14           *Speed Table N. Columbia*  
The Board has reservations about the benefits of this item. The proposed location is a dip in the road.

Jed Dube (Chair), Kate Millard, Claire Millar Wayne Pein, Heidi Perry, Tim Saunders and Brian Decker.

Prepared by:            Jed Dube, Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board  
Gordon Sutherland, Principal Planner

