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Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2005 4:39PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Subject: Mid-Block Crosswalk on SR 1010 (Franklin Street), Chapel Hill

Dear Kumar,

As we discussed last week, we have looked into your request for a mid-block crosswalk on SR 1010 (Franklin Street) between Estes Drive and Elliot Road in the vicinity of Couch Road and Franklin Woods Apartments.

We understand that there are bus stops on both sides of Franklin Street and pedestrians are crossing back and forth across four traffic lanes and a reverse turn lane.

Our original recommendation was for the bus route to be such that pedestrians would not have to cross the road. We understand that changing the bus route is not feasible at this location.

A high visibility crosswalk with pedestrian refuge island would be desirable at this location; however, there is not funding available at this time for us to do this. If so desired, we will be glad to work out the details with the Town of Chapel Hill for the town to do this work.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (336) 256-0551.

Sincerely, Mark Aldridge, Transportation Engineer