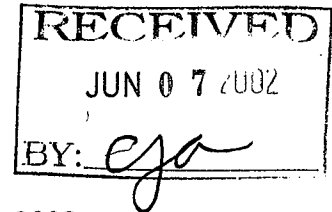


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Mayor Kevin Foy
Town of Chapel Hill
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill NC 27516

Dear Mayor Foy,

I wish to call your attention to a traffic safety matter, and to propose a change, which would solve the existing safety problems.

My proposal is that Battle Lane be changed to a one-way street, southbound.

The reasons are:

- 1) Exiting from Battle Lane northbound onto Franklin Street is very hazardous, particularly if one is turning left. This is because there is a crest in the hill of Franklin Street just east of the Battle Lane intersection, so that one cannot see oncoming traffic until the last moment.
- 2) Battle Lane is too narrow to be two-way. This is seen particularly at the intersection with Franklin. If northbound traffic is paused at the stop sign, it is very tight for traffic turning into Battle - particularly so for trucks or vans; indeed, I have often seen it necessary for a stopped north bound car to have to back up a few feet to allow a truck or van to turn into Battle. The relative narrowness is also demonstrated during this period of construction vehicles coming in and out of the staging area established next to Kenan Dorm, and can be expected to only get worse when construction starts on Kenan itself.
- 3) The presence of parking spaces in front of Kenan, in the southbound lane, exacerbates the narrowness problem; it also encourages drivers to make U-turns in the middle of the Hooper Lane/Battle Lane intersection - obviously dangerous and illegal.

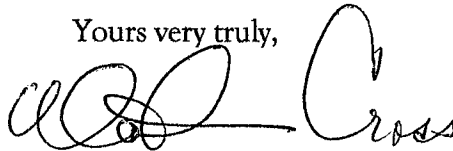
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This is because a northbound driver on Battle will spot a parking space, and will want to get back to it as quickly as possible; hence a U-turn in the intersection, or a right turn into Hooper to the first available private driveway to swing into, then head back to the parking space before it is taken. Because my house is on the corner of Battle and Hooper, with a driveway onto Hooper, I can attest to the frequency of this happening - often five or six times a day, or more when the University is in session - and its annoyance to the driveway owner.

Making Battle Lane one-way southbound would solve all of these problems.

If the proper procedure is for me to make a petition to the Town Council, I would ask that this letter be so considered, and that it be passed into the proper channels as such.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson W. Cross'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'C' at the end.

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