

Subject: 2025 Regional Transportation Plan Preferred Alternative

Meeting Date: November 19, 2002

Recommendation: The Transportation Board voted 7-0 to reaffirm their previous recommendation on the 2025 Plan:

1. Although the Transportation Board is concerned about inaccuracies of the transit analysis and the current limitations of transit modeling, the Board believes that mass transit should be a, if not the, major focus in the 2025 Plan, as exemplified by the alternative C transit assumptions presented.
2. While the Transportation Board is generally opposed to roadway expansion as a first solution to transportation problems, the Board recognizes that Chapel Hill has very, very serious Level of Service (LOS) problems in certain areas, such as the 15-501 corridor and NC54, which may require roadway improvements to bring the existing system to even a minimal LOS, regardless of future plans for transit improvements. However, such roadway improvements should only be considered after careful consideration of the potential benefits versus the environmental impact that they will bring.

The Board also noted that the Preferred Alternative includes the proposed expansion of some facilities, such as Weaver Dairy Road, that are inconsistent with current Town positions.

Vote: 7-0

Aye: Lathrop, Howe, Hintz, Hampton, Dobbins, Koontz,
Schroeder

Nay: None

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