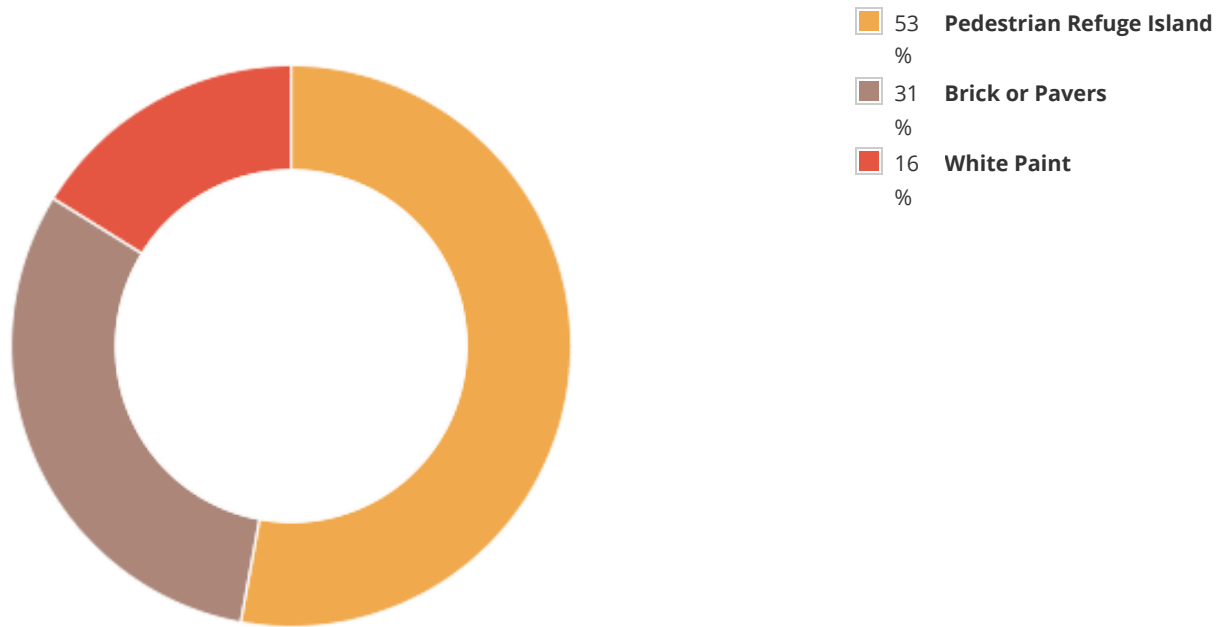


What Should Chapel Hill Road Look Like?

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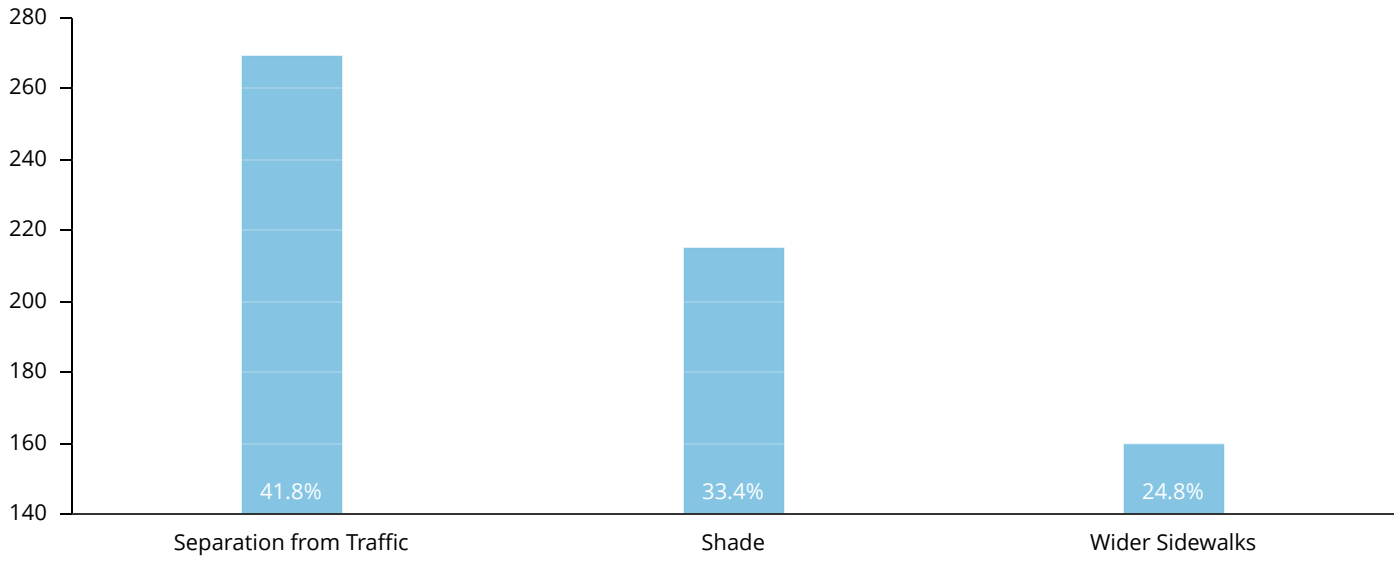
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Mid-Block Crosswalk Treatments: What is your favorite?

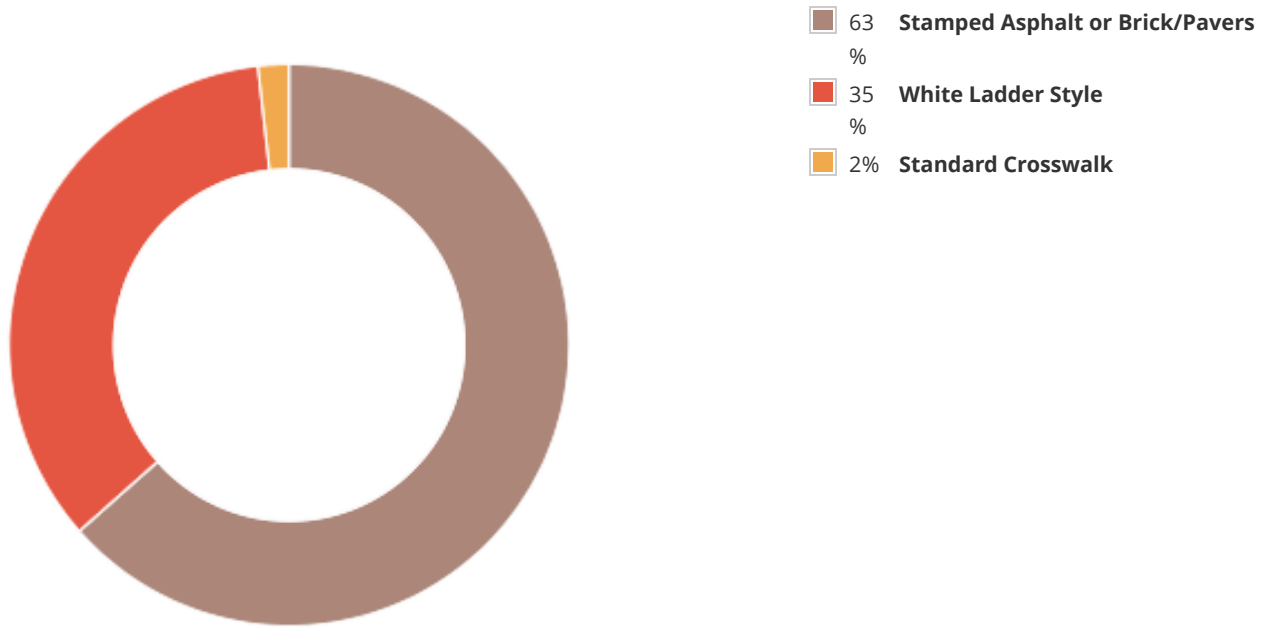


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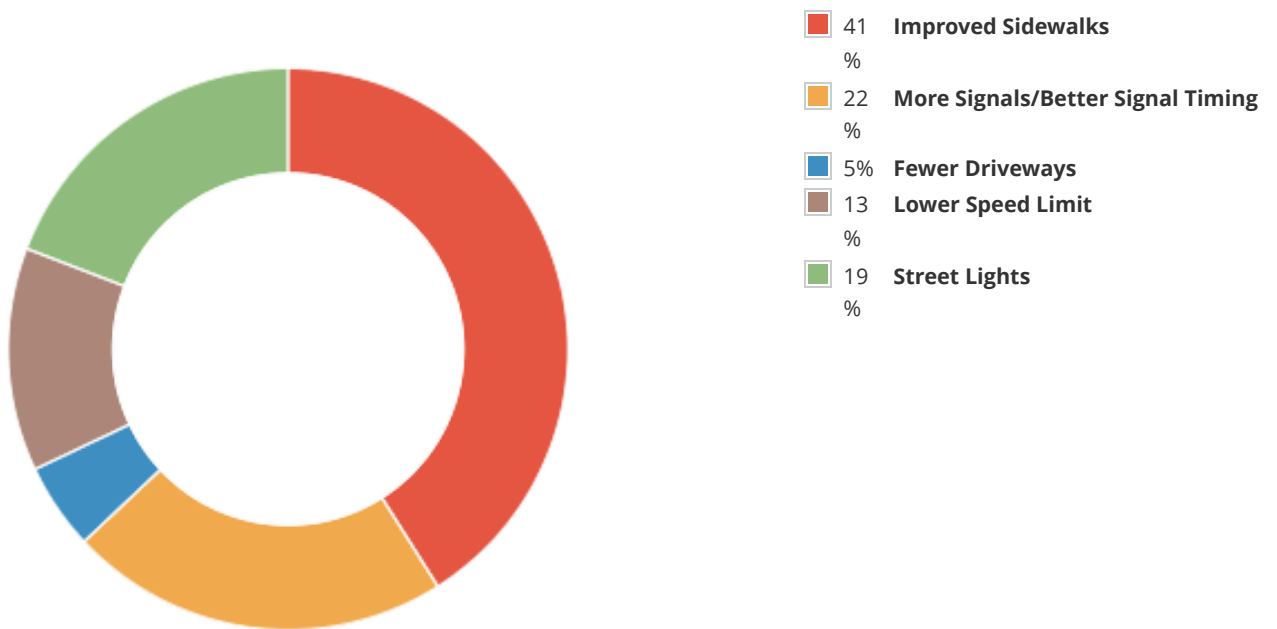


Crosswalk Treatments at a Signal: What is your favorite?



616 respondents

Safety: Rank all five (5) safety improvements in order of importance to you.



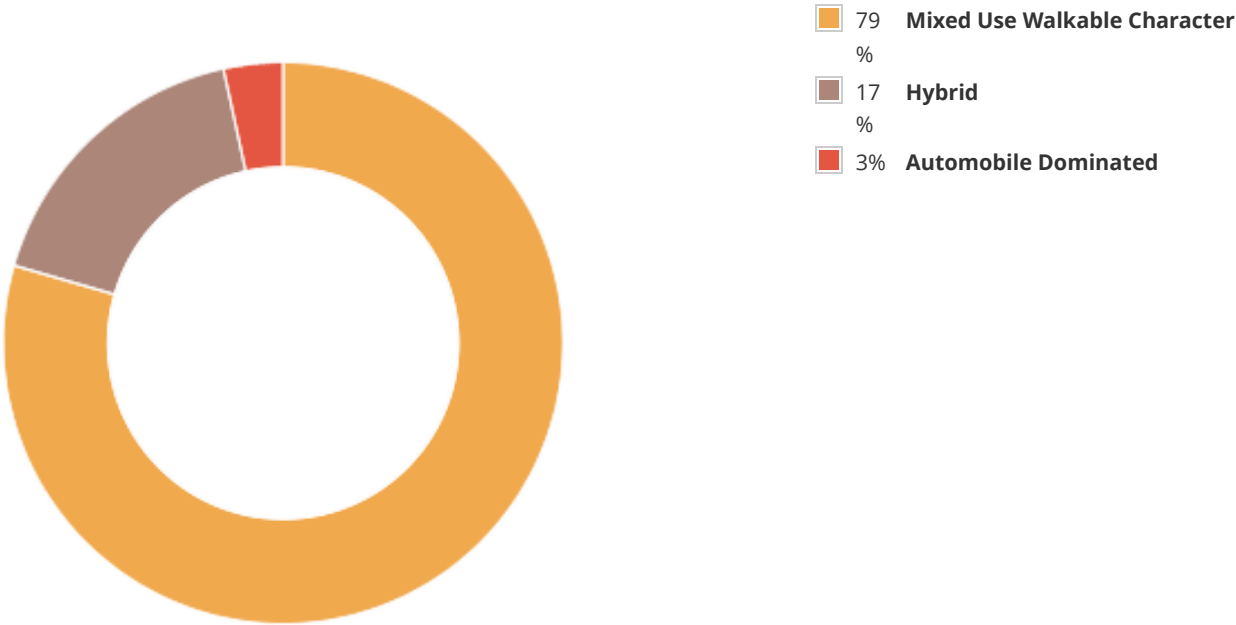
444 respondents

Traffic Calming: Rank all four (4) traffic calming improvements in order of importance to you.

84%	Curb Extensions increase ped visibility & reduce crossing distances	Rank: 1.83	355 ✓
80%	Roundabouts visually break up the street and slow traffic as they travel through.	Rank: 2.05	338 ✓
76%	Street Trees may slow traffic, especially when placed on a curb extension.	Rank: 2.26	321 ✓
70%	On-Street Parking provides friction to cars in the travel lane.	Rank: 3.19	297 ✓

422 Respondents

Below are a few options of Corridor Character. Which is your favorite?



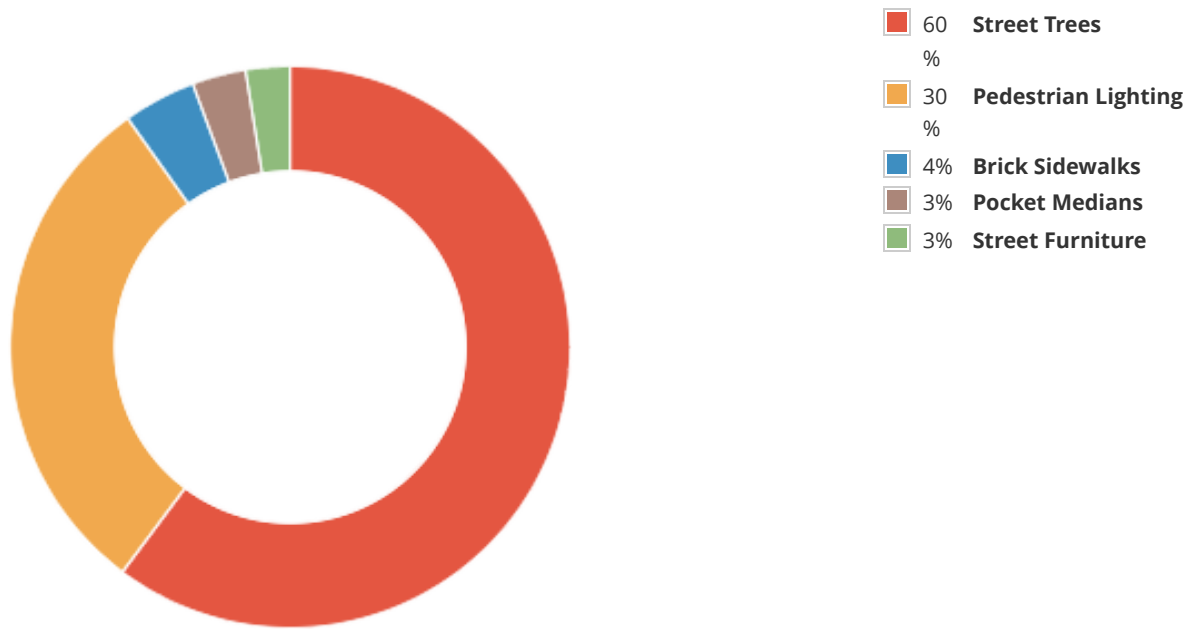
553 respondents

Bike Facilities: Pick up to three (3) options that you'd ride on Chapel Hill Road.

79%	Protected Bike Lane with Planters	383 ✓
75%	Street-side Trail	365 ✓
45%	Separated Bike Lane with Bollards	218 ✓
27%	Buffered Bike Lane	132 ✓
8%	I won't ride a bike on any facility.	41 ✓
7%	Standard Bike Lane	35 ✓

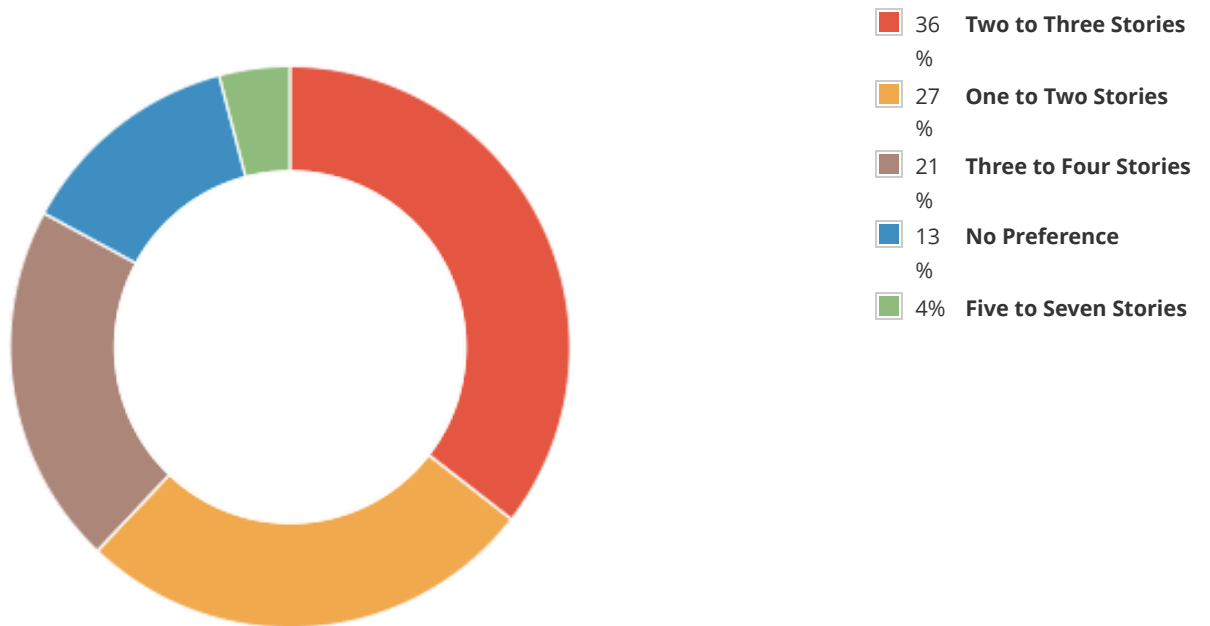
487 Respondents

Streetscape: Which element is your favorite?



548 respondents

Building Scale: What is your favorite?



538 respondents

Please share any additional thoughts you have about Chapel Hill Road. Click **Submit** to post your comment.

I know costs could be an issue, just make it pedestrian friendly. If you put in a sidewalk or finish the greenway, you will be surprised by how many people you will see out there walking. I want to walk along that corridor so much and can't right now and I am probably not alone.

4 years ago

⬆️ 39 Agree

Nope--you're not alone. I'd love to walk there too!

4 years ago

⬆️ 5 Agree

Keep the current trees! They are the hardest to replace (takes decades to grow them to their current size) and the town elements that differentiate rapidly-built, cookie cutters town and beautiful, gorgeous, properly developed town. Cary can and should do better than they are right now in term of urban planning that still considering urban forest ecosystem.

4 years ago

⬆️ 30 Agree

Please fix the area around Northwoods Elementary and Taylor Pond. This needs to be pedestrian friendly for kids walking to school. Also, need a left turn land into Boundary Village.

4 years ago

⬆️ 19 Agree

We at least need fully connected walking path. Chapel Hill barely has any sidewalks, especially in Morrisville area. Even where there is, it breaks up and ends in the middle of nowhere.

4 years ago

⬆️ 16 Agree

Totally agree. I run every morning, and would like to run there, but its not safe, ditto on Old Apex! How is it that Cary grew so much and forgot about this important infrastructure in its DOWNTOWN? All through downtown there is a dirth of sidewalks. You have to switch sides of the road all the time to stay on a sidewalk and not walk in the road.

4 years ago

⬆️ 2 Agree

Don't get rid of affordable housing in that area. We need smaller less fancy houses and there are plenty in that area that seem like they would be gone if this type of change occurs.

Also, there needs to be a way for traffic to go from Raleigh to west Cary/Morrisville that is not I40 so if these changes mean through traffic is not welcome, where are they to go?

Fancy sidewalks and bike lanes in this section do little if they just end at the two Maynard intersections.

4 years ago

⬆️ 11 Agree

Cary has so much potential, but it really needs to be more bike friendly. Please connect Black Creek Greenway, etc., safely into downtown. Crossing Chapel Hill Road or riding on Harrison Ave is terrifying. Downtown will boom if people can walk and bike in from more locations.

4 years ago

👍 10 Agree

Yes, please bring a greenway connector into downtown.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Connecting to a greenway or having a bike / running path would be great!

4 years ago

👍 9 Agree

Connection from Downtown to Greenways is super valuable to our house hold.

4 years ago

👍 8 Agree

Also to our household.

4 years ago

Improved pedestrian safety and walk ability is essential to get to Downtown Cary and area businesses. If we can't walk there safely from our local neighborhoods, we just won't go. It's that simple. There is no need to drive and park from the short distance away that we live.

4 years ago

👍 8 Agree

I love European cities with tree-lined streets, wide sidewalks, shops on the ground floor, cafes spilling out onto the sidewalk, and apartments on second and third floors above the shops. This should be the core of downtown. I love the downtown fountain park and Academy avenue. Downtown Cary needs a walkable grocery store if it is going to have denser residential population. Evans and Weston to Aviation needs a grocery. We don't need four at Harrison and Maynard.

4 years ago

👍 8 Agree

Street tree canopy and sidewalks. Some sort of gateway type monument which provides enclosure to denote entering downtown. Slow the traffic to uncomfortable levels and much thru-traffic will avoid the area(this is good) . Importantly, rename to Chapel Hill Street and commit to the idea.

4 years ago

👍 7 Agree

Would like the short stretch of Chapel Hill Rd from NW Maynard to Park Place s/c improved for bike & walking safety.

4 years ago

👍 7 Agree

Keep the canopy!!!

4 years ago

👍 7 Agree

Sidewalks are desperately needed along chapel hill rd and PROTECTED bike lanes. People on chapel hill are nuts and don't pay attention to anything. I'd never ride my bike in an unprotected bike lane on that road.

4 years ago

6 Agree

It will be nice to have sidewalks.

4 years ago

6 Agree

Somehow connecting the green way by Northwoods Elementary to downtown would be great!!

4 years ago

6 Agree

Having the ability to walk and ride your bike safely makes a huge difference. Especially when your children are out and about. PLEASE KEEP AS MANY TREES AS POSSIBLE. I like how they made the back side of Lowe's on Maynard and 54 look like pretty. That would be great to keep that look going.

4 years ago

5 Agree

Keep Cary Green! What happened to that? Keep the trees and bushes as much as possible. Plant flowers. We would LOVE to have a bike lane on Chapel Hill Rd. My son and I go biking often and we stop at Chapel Hill Rd. because I do not feel safe riding with him there. That would be great! Thanks!

4 years ago

5 Agree

I hate that the bike lane ends in downtown Cary. I'd love a more bike friendly area

4 years ago

5 Agree

Please keep the community family friendly! it may be a financial issue, but it will be better if we have more safe and aesthetic places for people to go out and about.

4 years ago

5 Agree

Please make it pedestrian and bike friendly!

4 years ago

4 Agree

Pedestrian bridge or tunnel connecting Greenway over or under traffic would be nice. Specifically NW Maynard Rd and Chapel Hill Rd.

4 years ago

4 Agree

Pedestrian and bike friendly is important.

4 years ago

4 Agree

54 is routed to Maynard to avoid more this narrow stretch closer to downtown. I like the direction this survey seems to be going compared to the previous ones - more in favor of making it better for bikes and pedestrians than wider/faster for more cars.

4 years ago

4 Agree

Please keep as many trees as possible. Walking and biking around town with safety as top priority is huge. Especially with so many of our kids walking, biking, an skateboarding around.

4 years ago

3 Agree

Finish the greenway already! A bike lane is a MUST. We could really increase the number of people who bike to work by making this road bike friendly.

4 years ago

3 Agree

Sidewalks. Connect the sidewalks. A!nd give space between pedestrians and cars

4 years ago

3 Agree

Be careful to not try to place too much commercial mixed use on C.H. Road... there's only a limited market for ground floor retail, dining, and entertainment, and most of it needs to be focused downtown on Chatham Street. There might be some market for commercial mixed use at the intersections of C.H. Road and N. Academy and/or N. Harrison, but that's about it. However, mixed use that has ground-floor office and upper-floor residential might work and yet not detract from the market for ground floor commercial.

4 years ago

3 Agree

Make crosswalks elevated like a speed bump and not at the intersections of the roadways. The current crosswalks at Cary Arts Center are so dangerous because people are looking at the park and fountain and not paying attention to their driving. Elevated crosswalks MAKE people go slower.

4 years ago

2 Agree

Please, include protected bike lanes! I love riding to Cary from Raleigh (as well as extending the trip out to Durham), but the roads in Cary are extremely dangerous (my friend was hit while we were in the bike lane on Chapel Hill Road by Maynard last time we were out). The Greenways are OK, but often too crowded with people, or too bumpy/uprooted to ride comfortably. Please add protected bike lanes - and we'll come spend more money in Cary!

4 years ago

2 Agree

Make it walkable.

4 years ago

2 Agree

This is a unique opportunity to help shape Cary's future. Important considerations are sidewalks and greenway access, bike paths/trails, trees to line the roadway, and plans for accessible buildings along the route (without impeding traffic). Let's learn from what has worked well in Cary and other towns, and also what has NOT worked.

4 years ago

2 Agree

Don't take away all the houses! Not everything in Cary needs to be changed. Take note from Apex..

4 years ago

2 Agree

Of course Apex was a wealthy town near a railroad when Cary was a poor little nothing. And the Town isn't who "takes away" the houses. Its market forces.

4 years ago

When selecting plants, keep in mind the full size at Maturity. Many plantings block view for cars and pedestrians creating a real hazard. Dwarf plants and low growth work best.

4 years ago

👍 2 Agree

When will Chatham Street be addressed to match Academy?

4 years ago

👍 2 Agree

The Sep 30 virtual mtg. was my first ever after living here since '73, and I totally enjoyed it. All of you did a great job, and the relaxed atmosphere made it easy for the attendees to send in chat comments. Once again - and I've said it before. I love living in Cary.

4 years ago

👍 2 Agree

A good 2 lane road that had full turn lanes would be good enough (instead of solid 4 lanes). More important is to have an accompanying bike lane, night lights, good walkability, and a place restaurants would want to be located. This would effectively extend access to the downtown to many others in Cary, and ultimately allow a larger downtown footprint along this key Town road. I'd love to be able to ride my bike to downtown, but today's it's so unsafe.

4 years ago

👍 2 Agree

I am concerned that the NCDOT 54 plan between Weston and Maynard is SIX lanes. That is too wide. It will ruin the Park West area. Can we change that plan?

https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/FeasibilityStudiesDocuments/FS-1005B%20NC%2054%20Draft%20Report%202016_0122%20with%20figures.pdf

4 years ago

👍 2 Agree

Continuous seamless protected separate bike lanes and sidewalks are important but the traffic in the area is always congested. As area development continues, please stop high density residential development because the vehicle congestion is already intolerable!!

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Please provide more street lights. Parts of chapel hill rd are very dark at night.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Make it as walkable as possible.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Please don't bulldoze everything and then put in saplings. Work around whatever trees are available to make it more appealing.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Sidewalk from Lowe's Home Improvement to downtown. I also love the idea of the Greenway extending from Northwoods Elementary downtown. Keep the existing trees please. Keep Cary green and beautiful!! Improving and enlarging the sidewalks. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the survey and all the time and effort that was put into creating it.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

This is an important thoroughfare and I see people walking on the shoulder a lot and often think how I could have easily hit them by mistake - it is very scary and clearly needs better infrastructure!!!

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

There are too many driveways and intersections west of Academy Street for a separated or "protected" bikeway to be reasonably safe and efficient for bicyclists on CH road. Turning, entering, and exiting traffic does not mix with two-way sidepath bikeway traffic; these junctions dramatically increase hazards for bikeway bicyclists compared to cycling one-way on the roadway in either a shared lane or conventional striped bike lane. Farther east the junction density drops enough that a separated bikeway might be feasible, especially where it can take advantage of the rail corridor to minimize junction interruptions. What is needed most for bicyclists on most of CH Road is wider pavement to provide >4' safe distance to car and truck drivers attempting to pass bicyclists without changing lanes, i.e. at least 32 feet of asphalt.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Please do NOT cut any trees at all!!

Please provide safe and connected bikeways and walking paths "SEPERATED" from the road/motorists in some form!

Please do NOT cut any trees (I know I am repeating myself here but it is critically important) :))

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I do not have children at Northwoods Elementary School but I know the value of a walkable school and a walkable community. It has always shocked me that there is not adequate sidewalks around a neighborhood elementary school.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I did not select the street-side trail as a bike option because I believe it would be best to keep bikes and pedestrians separated, as long as the bike lane offers some protection from the vehicle traffic.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Agree, the questions were constrained in a way that I would have said cheapest/all/none/depends/other, but was forced to one or three. It is more about tradeoffs between cost/space/functionality/aesthetic/environment than, "I MOST like a dedicated town for each form of transportation". Along those lines, the answers are very context-sensitive, e.g. bikes need more isolation on highway than residential. Whatever you do, stop it with the sharp crosswalk "canyons of death" that flip baby trailers, jogging strollers, and force them into traffic.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I was not able to figure out how to use do the drag in order responses. Trees need to be sustainably planted and not in concrete coffins, please ask experts in canopy how to do this. Walkable requires the benefits of not have traffic fumes and noise too close. I liked the idea of the sidewalk not being next to the road, that could provide options for more buffer. I know this may cut into buildable space, but the value long term will be worth it!

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

we desperately need sidewalks on each side of chapel hill, in Cary, and Morrisville. I would happily pay more taxes to make this road multilane, and with sidewalks completed. There are few things you could do in Cary, NC that would help pedestrian, bike, and car flows better.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Make it pedestrian friendly. Use roundabout instead of traffic lights

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I live off Chapel Hill road and I'm so glad the town is working on improving it. Walking my dog during rush hour is scary!

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I hope that whatever improvements are done to CH Rd are quickly extended to the intersection with Cary Parkway. I see lots of people walking on the shoulder on that stretch to get to the shopping centers.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Street trees are highly important. Please also consider a future where mass transit will be needed, even if it's a Town of Cary trolley system, and incorporate that space now rather than later.

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

I am confused by the options here and the existing space available on the street. Does the town plan to buy out everyone within the redo area so it can be bulldozed and completely reimaged?

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Many, many trees and pedestrian friendly

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Love to see more green

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

This is really about what parts of Chapel Hill Rd? Different parts would have different answers to these questions... :)

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

side walks will be very appreciated,

4 years ago

👍 1 Agree

Keeping the community friendly and safe! I think Cary does a good job of that and we're on the right track.

4 years ago

1 Agree

After the meeting I got thinking about Hillsborough St as a model as mentioned. It might be possible that following that idea, could cause the large trucks to use the existing truck route via NE to NW Maynard and vice versa. I've been down Hillsborough Street many times since they modified it, and don't recall many if any truck. If they are there, it would be for a delivery or pickup. My two cents.

4 years ago

1 Agree

I love the plan to update Chapel Hill Rd. and giving the opportunity to provide feedback. Please also keep in mind that Durham Rd. and Bowden Rd. are part of the corridor to get downtown, and hopefully part of the consideration to provide a bike lane or sidewalk, past Page Walker hotel, and into downtown. It would be a great way to enter into downtown. Thank you!

4 years ago

1 Agree

No additional comments

4 years ago

Think green! Covering pavement with greenery is good for the planet. Every little bit helps.

4 years ago

4 years ago

With my neighborhoods close proximity to downtown Cary, I would love for it to be pedestrian and bike friendly so that we could get to parks and businesses more easily.

4 years ago

If there are any crosswalks located between intersections (especially near Northwoods Elementary), please make it obvious that they are crosswalks. The brick ones on Academy look really nice, but it is not as obvious that they are crosswalks - especially to visitors not familiar with the area - so they seem a lot less safe.

4 years ago

I like the idea of keeping current trees. I typically only walk on greenways or in parks because I hate the sound of cars zooming by.

4 years ago

N/A

4 years ago

Thanks for thinking of pedestrians and bikers!

4 years ago

Make it look good and bike friendly

4 years ago

Sidewalks !! Many streets around downtown don't have them. It will be hard to expand the downtown residential area And truly have a nice community without sidewalks!!

4 years ago

All in on keeping trees

4 years ago

Whatever you do, there needs to be sidewalks the entire distance of Chapel Hill. I live on Chapel Hill within walking distance of Downtown Cary and I cannot walk to Downtown via Chapel Hill. It's disgraceful.

4 years ago

Sidewalks which allow at least two people to walk side-by-side on them, like on Academy Street, would be greatly appreciated.

Please also consider adding a turn lane from West Cornwall on to Kildaire Farm Road south while Glenaire is building its next phase. With the number of new units being added, a traffic backup at that intersection/corner is inevitable and will be a nuisance.

One last suggestion: it is great that our property values are going up thanks to all the new development and amenities, but I agree with others that we need affordable housing in the downtown area and Cary, in general. Thank you.

4 years ago

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4 years ago

Make it more pedestrian and bike friendly as much as possible

4 years ago

Thanks for asking!

4 years ago

I loved to read that we are considering Transit Oriented Developments!

4 years ago

The by far largest priority should be walkability. Connected sidewalks would make a world of difference.

4 years ago

All I want is Chapel Hill Road to be pedestrian friendly. Everything else is just bonus.

4 years ago

Streets lights would be a great benefit for walking downtown in the evening. Especially at intersection of Harrison and chapel hill road. The visibility is very poor.

4 years ago

Pedestrian friendly is important.

4 years ago

Keep our town livable and limit traffic and growth!

4 years ago

It does not need to be a 6 lane roadway as shown in the current plan. Better to have 4 lanes plus bike/ped accommodations.

4 years ago

I'm primarily concerned about walkability and being able to ride my bike. Thank you -- I love living in Cary.

4 years ago

I see people walking on the side of the road to work between cary parkway and maynard along chapel hill/54 all the time. At a minimum, please put in a sidewalk (or work with morrisville if it is in their jurisdiction) for all of those people.

4 years ago

Thank you for asking for feedback!

4 years ago

Wonderful design ideas! It's important to keep the town safe and family-friendly. Cary always does a good job of doing that and we just need to continue doing that.

4 years ago

Fantastic Survey, thank you for doing this!

4 years ago

I've walked the whole length of Chapel Hill Rd from Maynard to Maynard and it is scary and dark. In addition to what's been asked here, I'd like to see "no thru traffic" signs at Maynard on Chapel Hill and on Chatham.

4 years ago

We would love to walk to downtown from our house using chapel hill road as it is the most direct route. Currently we cannot do that because it is very unsafe. Thanks for improving pedestrian safety on this road.

4 years ago

I think that bike paths in coordination with Raleigh would greatly improve this road and traffic flows

4 years ago

I love that you want to make Chapel Hill Rd safer for peds and bikers! That's great. Now how about stopping developers from clear cutting lots. What happened to the buffer zone. The beautiful mature trees are what makes NC so special.

4 years ago

Bike and pedestrian friendly is the most important

4 years ago

Cycling and cycling safety is vital to make Chapel Hill Road a viable commuting and alternative transportation option. If you can get fewer cars on the road and more bikes, separated from cars, that's a huge win.

4 years ago

We Just. Need. Sidewalks. At the very least!! Pedestrian friendly ways to get to and from the school, to the stores in Morrisville, etc.

4 years ago

To make it walkable, remember that people need to have a place that safe to park first. If you want people to have stores along the street, make parking available behind the stores for the merchants, customers, and the general public.

4 years ago

We need to connect Northwoods Greenway to Downtown!

4 years ago

Follow thru on sidewalks so that they don't just end before people get to things like the school. For example don't repeat the area by GHE and GHH where kids can't walk to school because the sidewalk only gets them most of the way there.

4 years ago

Thank you for asking for input

4 years ago

Walkability is important as well as the aesthetics of the area.

4 years ago

Thank you for soliciting our input. Cary is beautiful, and most of the options proposed will help Cary retain its beauty, yet offer functional and safe solutions for pedestrians and cyclists. Keep up the great work!

4 years ago

Please keep the current trees.

4 years ago

Widen Chapel Hill Road all the way to RTP. For story height, having a 3-7 storied building next to a 1 story building is an issue, especially when the tall building is very close to the existing one.

Many of these questions are hard to follow and answer because of the font color and survey layout.

4 years ago

Low car access, except deliveries and strong focus on ensuring a pleasant pedestrian and family environment with available parking with create a successful urban dynamic for all concerned b

4 years ago

Nuff said.

4 years ago

Most important to me by far: extend the greenway that terminates at Northwoods Elementary to allow access to downtown on foot.

4 years ago

Would be great to make Chapel Hill Road be something vibrant and interesting, rather than the mess it is today!

4 years ago

Trees, shade and sidewalks !! If you create desirable outdoor space... people will use

4 years ago

None thoughts

4 years ago

Just get it done...waiting decades for this embarrassment to be cured.

4 years ago

none

4 years ago

Make it walkable and bike-friendly!

4 years ago

More lanes for traffic (especially from 540 and eastward to 440) and pedestrian friendly improvements are needed ASAP.

4 years ago

Thank you.

4 years ago

I'm so glad this is finally being discussed.

4 years ago

None

4 years ago

Do Cary right...don't just do what the money bags of the city want...it's your duty.

4 years ago

Add some parking for folks who live further out and would enjoy coming to the area and using the pedestrian walkways. And keep the trees! And understand that there will be cars because people need to get to the Credit Union and other vendors when on the way to work, so keep the speed reasonable like 35-40, not totally slow and inconvenient like 20-25.

4 years ago

Safety and Cost must be the overall consideration.

4 years ago

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4 years ago

n/a

4 years ago

excited to see this moving along!

4 years ago

The creation of a separate or buffered bike lane on each side of Chapel Hill Road from SE Maynard to NW Maynard would be a huge improvement!

4 years ago

Better connect Black Creek Greenway to Harrison Ave, Academy St and downtown. A streetside trail along the south side of Chapel Hill Road with some street trees would be an acceptable way to make this connection.

4 years ago

The area of CH road which needs widening is the bit in Morrisville. From Park West Village to Morrisville Carpenter Road and beyond which comes to a standstill in traffic due to being one way and everyone goes to work there. Not the part in downtown Cary nobody uses.

4 years ago

Stamped bricks are better than bricks (less repair over time).

4 years ago

Make the road 4 lanes with turn lanes all the way.

4 years ago

I would like it walk-able and bike-able however I know it is a major route for cars. We need to provide a route for moving by car if we slow down traffic on that route. Plan for mass transit along the corridor, we can't just keep widening all the streets to accommodate more and more cars.

4 years ago

Brick or pavers, please.

4 years ago

Street tree canopy and sidewalks, please.

4 years ago

Keep the current trees, add more trees, add sidewalks please -thanks!

4 years ago

i like the extended sidewalks!

4 years ago

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4 years ago

Ok

4 years ago

No other thoughts

4 years ago

I strongly vote for a separate bike trail or protected bike path. Thank you for considering votes via this survey

4 years ago

More trees and plantings - more separation of cars from bikes/pedestrians and lower buildings and signs - keep Cary park like and nature oriented

4 years ago

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4 years ago

Chapel Hill Road is an important thru fare, so any improvements must keep optimal traffic flow well in mind.

4 years ago

4 years ago

Please move crosswalks to just off the Traffic intersection.

4 years ago

I like the idea of making at least certain areas of Chapel Hill Rd more pedestrian and bike friendly but would only want those features if they can be set up safely in regards to proximity to the main road.

4 years ago

Thank you.

4 years ago
