

Triangle Bikeway Study
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4/19/2022	Stephanie Callaway (e-mail)	After reviewing this study, I wanted to email to offer my support for the bikeway. As an avid biker, I think it is essential to have alternative options for individuals to get to work and to create safe recreational spaces for all. This bikeway is an incredible means of connecting key areas of the Triangle, and increasing the ability to safely and easily travel by bike from one city to another. I would certainly use this bikeway on a regular basis. Thanks for all your efforts. I am hopeful that the plan will pass.
4/19/2022	Gerald Espy	I am in favor of the bike path between Raleigh and Chapel Hill.
4/20/2022	Kenny Dalsheimer	Greetings. I moved to Durham in 1983, raised family here, and have appreciated much of the bike trails built and added to our area. I support 100% any efforts, including the Triangle Bikeway Study plan, to add bike safe transport across the Triangle. It is critical to add this mode of safe transportation to our area to address traffic congestion, increasing pollution, and other negative impacts on our communities. Thanks for your work on this critical quality of life issue for the Triangle.
4/22/2022	Laura Smith (e-mail)	I have just read through the Triangle Bikeway Study Final Report and wanted to voice my support. As someone who lives in South Durham and commutes to UNC in Chapel Hill, a bikeway that connects these areas would be an amazing resource. I hate driving - the traffic is stressful and the more cars on our roads, the more noise, pollution, and unsafe conditions for everyone. But I simply can't safely get around this area without driving a car. And the Triangle Bikeway would go a long way toward alleviating that car reliance for everyone in the area, as well as alleviating traffic for those who still need or choose to drive. I can't wait for more bike and pedestrian friendly options and connected bikeways to navigate the area car-less. Thank you to everyone working to get these things done! I know it isn't easy but it is greatly appreciated!
4/24/2022	Kayla O'Neill Carriker (e-mail)	As a Durham resident with deep concerns about climate change and air pollution in our region, I would like to see the bikeway project go forward. My neighborhood (Trinity Park) is very affluent much like the area directly served by the bikeway, so I may be biased. But it makes sense to me to invest in this corridor based on 1) the number of commuters and 2) their potential willingness to make lifestyle changes (let's just say they can afford fancy e-bikes!). I hope though, that energy can be devoted toward projects to make the bikeway accessible to other communities and those who are marginalized within the community. For instance, by: • increasing the availability of greenways that link to this new bikeway from less affluent neighborhoods; • making bike trail maps available in Spanish and other languages, • increasing bicycle access through bikeshare companies or grants to groups like the Durham Bike Co-op, and • making the bikeway safe for commuters working nights or evening shifts (e.g. cleaning staff and security guards).
4/24/2022	Unknown (phone message)	The proposed trail from Raleigh to Chapel Hill is a great idea but it should be built away from the highway. If you go to the section of the Tobacco Trail near Southpoint Mall just stand there and you can see how unbelievably loud it is with all the cars and trucks. It would be a better idea to link greenways away from I-40 where it would be quieter and you could have some peace. [paraphrase]
4/24/2022	Matt Ryan (phone message)	I just saw the information on the news about the bike path from Raleigh to Durham to Cary. Big fan. I would use it. I live in Cary and work in Raleigh, would love to have that option here in our wonderful community here in the Triangle. I would support financially and as a user.
4/25/2022	Deirdre Thornlow (e-mail)	I am writing to voice my full support the development of the Triangle Beltway and overall, more bike lanes and pedestrian walkways throughout Durham, NC. I live only 8 miles from my workplace, but due to the narrow roads with their lack of bike lanes I am unable to bike safely to work, and instead drive, wasting gas and contributing to pollution and climate warming. I wholly support the development of the Triangle Beltway. Thanks for your support of this important initiative.
4/27/2022	Ryan Barnes (e-mail)	I am writing to send my strongest vote of support for the triangle Bikeway project. With the loss of the light rail program, this trail will be invaluable to me and my community. Just imagining the ability to bike to RDU from my home entirely on protected Greenways is getting me beyond excited. Please let me know if there is more that an average citizen can to do help this project out!
4/27/2022	Timothy Reveri (e-mail)	I think the project is a great idea! Could there be separate pathways for cyclists and pedestrians? I find this v challenging as a jogger on the ATT.

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4/28/2022	Alyson West (email)	I support!
4/28/2022	Kate Newman (e-mail)	I just wanted to write to express my utmost support for the Triangle Bikeway Study. As a resident of Southside in Durham I live about 1/4 mile from the start of the American Tobacco Campus and utilize that greenway for commuting and pleasure weekly. I would be thrilled to have a bike path connecting Chapel Hill, Durham, Morrisville, Cary, RTP and Raleigh.
4/28/2022	Adam Schultz (e-mail)	I fully support a Triangle bikeway and expansion of biking trails in Durham.
4/30/2022	Prof JP Gritton, Ph.D. (e-mail)	I am a Durham resident who lives in the Southside/St. Teresa neighborhood. I'm writing to offer comment on the new bikeway. I just wanted to share two thoughts: 1) W. Chapel Hill St./Duke University Rd. is 95% bikeable and 5% scary as hell. The bike lane on Chapel Hill Rd is mostly pretty good (current construction notwithstanding), but for some reason it disappears between the 147 overpass and the light at Chapel Hill Rd. Duke University Road is likewise *mostly* good, but I'm never sure if the traffic coming from Swift Ave (just a stop sign) is going to stop: if people are trying to turn left, most of them just blow through without stopping. Maybe a stop light could go there? I think even a "Watch For Bikers" sign would be helpful. This might not be something the city can do much about, but I'd say that of any street in Durham, that's the one where I'd most want to see a rumble strip or some kind of divider put in. I wish there were a way to get from downtown to Duke campus without feeling like I'm in the way of motorists. 2) It would be great if there were a safe, low-key way to get to Chapel Hill from Durham, and vice versa. I grew up in Denver, and there's a 10'-wide concrete path that runs alongside US 36 between Boulder and north Denver, ~25 miles. It would be awesome if something like that could go in alongside of 15-501, linking Durham to Chapel Hill. But I also realize that's a pretty major infrastructure investment and maybe not super practical. I'm not sure if this is the sort of thing you were wanting comment on, but this is the stuff I think about most as a bike commuter. I also think it would be great if the ATT went down to Raleigh, but it sounds like that isn't really in your purview. Anyway, hope this is helpful.