

Triangle Bikeway Study

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Submission Date	Contact Info	Notes
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. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
4/19/2022	Gerald Espy	I am in favor of the bike path between Raleigh and Chapel Hill. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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! <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>

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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). <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments. The Study looked at connections connectivity to existing and proposed trails, neighborhoods, and transit. The Action Steps for the project include (1) Coordinate with jurisdictions along the project corridor to plan and develop connector trails to the Triangle Bikeway and (2) Coordinate with jurisdictions along project corridor to ensure that land use policies and ordinances encourage and/or require bicycle and pedestrian facilities, amenities, and connections between planned developments and the Triangle Bikeway. The request for Spanish language resources and access for bicycle access will be shared with jurisdictions along the corridor and incorporated into the equitable engagement plan recommended as an Action Step. The study recommends lighting along its length to facilitate commuting and trail use, especially in winter months with shorter hours of daylight.</i>
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] <i>Response: Noise along the proposed route is a legitimate concern. Numerous alternatives were considered and the</i>

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		<i>location adjacent to the interstate highway was determined to be the most feasible alternative for reasons discussed in the study. The Triangle Bikeway parallels I-40 within existing NCDOT right-of-way for the majority of the preferred alignment. The edge of the outside stone shoulder of the bikeway shall be located as close to the existing right-of-way line as possible, maximizing separation of the facility from vehicular traffic via a vegetated buffer to provide the best user experience and preserve as much right-of-way adjacent to the existing roadway as possible for future roadway expansion projects. The vegetated buffer width is typically 50' or greater along the corridor, but may narrow as the facility approaches constrained areas such as along interchange ramps.</i>
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. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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! <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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. <i>Response: The study recommends a 16-foot wide separated use facility type with delineation between areas for bicycling and areas for walking is proposed as the default typical section for</i>

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		<i>the Triangle Bikeway. The selection of this facility type reflects input received from the public, working group members and other stakeholders.</i>
4/28/2022	Alyson West (email)	I support! <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
4/28/2022	Adam Schultz (e-mail)	I fully support a Triangle bikeway and expansion of biking trails in Durham. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
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.

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		Anyway, hope this is helpful. <i>Response: The comments regarding W. Chapel Hill Street and Duke University Road will be passed along to staff in the City of Durham Transportation Department. Thank you for referencing the US 37 bikepath between Boulder and Denver – that is one of the case studies referenced as a model for the Triangle Bikeway in the Study. The DCHC MPO in the coming months will be working to develop a corridor study for the US 15-501 corridor between Durham and Chapel Hill, and one of the goals for the study is providing safe ways for residents to walk and bike in this corridor. In addition, bicycle lanes and sidewalks are now provided on Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road between Garrett Road in Durham and US 15-501 in Chapel Hill.</i>
5/5/2022	Steven Mazzairelli (e-mail)	I am in full support of this project. I think it would be a great asset to the community and the region. Would there be any way to influence current development to include and plan for connectivity to the bike way? an example i am thinning of is the RTP center on davis dr and NC54. <i>Response: The Study recommends that the Bikeway pass directly in front of the Hub RTP site at the corner of Davis Drive and NC 54. The Action Steps for the project include a recommendation to coordinate with jurisdictions along the project corridor to ensure that land use policies and ordinances encourage and/or require bicycle and pedestrian facilities, amenities, and connections between planned developments and the Triangle Bikeway.</i>
5/9/2022	Ki Young Kim (e-mail)	As a resident of Durham, I just wanted to write in to express support for this project. I think it will do much to help alleviate traffic, especially as this area continues to grow. It will also be very nice to have such a safe option for traveling around these towns without a car. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>
5/12/2022	Leanna Yost (e-mail)	As a resident of Raleigh, I just wanted to voice my support for the Triangle Bikeway Project, I think it will be very worthwhile! <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>

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5/13/2022	Evamvid Sharma (e-mail)	I'm writing for the public comment session on the Triangle Bikeway Project. I'm really excited about this project, because at the moment there's not a good way to get from Raleigh to Durham and Chapel Hill without having to share space with cars. I'd like to suggest that the route include a couple of bike repair stations, and/or bike tube vending machines for cyclists who have mechanical issues along the route (and/or just for people who need to make simple repairs). I've attached a couple of images to illustrate what I mean. Also, I saw in the proposal that there will be fences to prevent pedestrians/cyclists from accessing the interstate, in the segments where the bikeway uses the interstate's easement/right-of-way. I think this was already specified in the proposal, but I hope the fences will be behind the treeline so that the track is visually more appealing, but also so that there's natural mitigation of the noise and air pollution from the Interstate. Thanks for all of your work on this project, I'm very excited about it! <i>Response: Details such as the location of bicycle repair stations and bike tube vending machines will be considered during the engineering / design phase of the project. The recommendation from the Triangle Bikeway Study is to maintain vegetation between the highway and the trail to the extent that is possible.</i>
5/14/2022	Jack Cassidy (e-mail)	Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment. I could not support this idea more. It is perfect for the region. It's green, it supports healthy habits, it reduces traffic and required car commutes, and it connects the cities of the Triangle. When built and ready, I would use this bikeway every single day. I live in Durham, but work elsewhere in the Triangle. I have seriously considered on many occasions biking to work, despite the mileage, but it is simply too dangerous as is. With this bikeway though, I'd ditch the car altogether. The drive is the worst part of my day--the bike would be the best. I love this idea. Thank you to you and your team for bringing the project this far along. I'm excited to see where it goes next. <i>Response: Thank you for sharing these comments.</i>

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