



## MEETING NOTES

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	Wake Forest Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	188672-05
<b>DATE</b>	26 June 2019
<b>TIME</b>	3:00 – 5:00 PM
<b>VENUE</b>	Wake Forest Town Hall – Ground Floor Meeting Room
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Summarizing findings from the Public Comments, and discussing the way forward
<b>CLIENT</b>	Town of Wake Forest
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	Project File, Website

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### MEETING SYNOPSIS

<b>STATUS UPDATE</b>
– S. Shelat opened with introductions and the purpose of the meeting
<b>DISCUSSION</b>
– Approximately 200 people attended the Public Meeting. 137 comments were received
– 20 commenters commented against the recommendation to extend Foundation Drive. This segment exists in previous plans as well. It was decided to retain this recommendation and reduce the footprint of the road by using a parkway section with MUP on each side. This is to be presented to the Board of Commissioners to get their inputs.

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## MEETING NOTES

- One Way Loop around the seminary – 23 comments were received opposing the recommendation and 11 comments supporting the recommendation. It was decided to retain the recommendation as an initial idea and mention that further studies and consultation with the seminary is required for this idea to become a project.
- Many comments were received to advance the timelines of Hotspot improvements along Rogers road.
- WSP to send the presentation for the Town Council Board Briefing

### ACTION ITEMS

- WSP to communicate the projected volumes on Foundation Extension (might be overestimated from the model)
- WSP to change the roadway cross section on Foundation Drive extension to a two lane with shoulder section
- Need to prioritize review of roadway recommendations prior to sending out the final report
- Reverse loop and Saturday service on transit starts in January, there are no current planned changes to the GoTriangle Route
- Public comments suggest that there is a need to promote that the bus route is free.
- The steering committee thought that the bus saying Go Raleigh is an issue, people don't want to go to Raleigh. The loop signs are being redesigned. The WF loop is one of the highest ridership in Wake County, the Town can expand, but will cost them more.
- Need to make sure that the recommendations are consistent with the NC 98 study
- WSP to send the login for storymaps to the committee.
- WSP to send the presentation for the Town Council Board Briefing

### WRAP-UP

- W. Letchworth provided an overview of the project timeline
- W. Letchworth provided closing remarks, discussed next steps, and asked for any additional questions or comments

## NEXT MEETING

The next Wake Forest Town Council Board Briefing is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Town Hall



COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE  
TOWN OF WAKE FOREST  
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

JUNE 26, 2019

# PUBLIC MEETING SNAPSHOTS



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# SUMMARY OF ALL COMMENTS



**61 Paper Comments Forms**  
received during Public Meeting



**52 Comments**  
submitted via Online Form



**24 Comments**  
posted on Mind Mixer Site

**> 200**  
**Attendees**

**137 Total**  
**Comments**

# LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN COMMENTS



A word cloud of various street names and locations. The largest words are 'Loop', 'S. Main St', 'Rogers Rd', and 'Foundation Dr'. Other prominent words include 'Hwy 98', 'Capital Blvd', 'Heritage Lake Dr', 'N. Main', and 'Forestville Rd'. Smaller words include 'Ligon Mill', 'North Ave', 'Franklin St', 'Chalk Rd', 'Brewer Ave', 'Marshall Farm St', 'Jubilee Ct', 'Steeple Run Dr', 'Six Forks Rd', 'Wingate Dr', 'Durham Rd', 'Burlington Mills', 'Harris Rd', 'Eln St', 'Stadium Dr', 'E. Chestnut Ave', 'Middlegame Way', 'Buffaloe Rd', 'Camp Kanata', 'Perry Ave', 'Brick St', 'Reynolds Mill', and 'Durant Rd'. The colors used for the text are dark grey, green, orange, and dark green.

# FOUNDATION DRIVE EXTENSION

20 Commenters commented against the recommendation

Most comments are from residents of Heritage Development concerned about their property prices

Many comments about preserving the Forest in Wake Forest

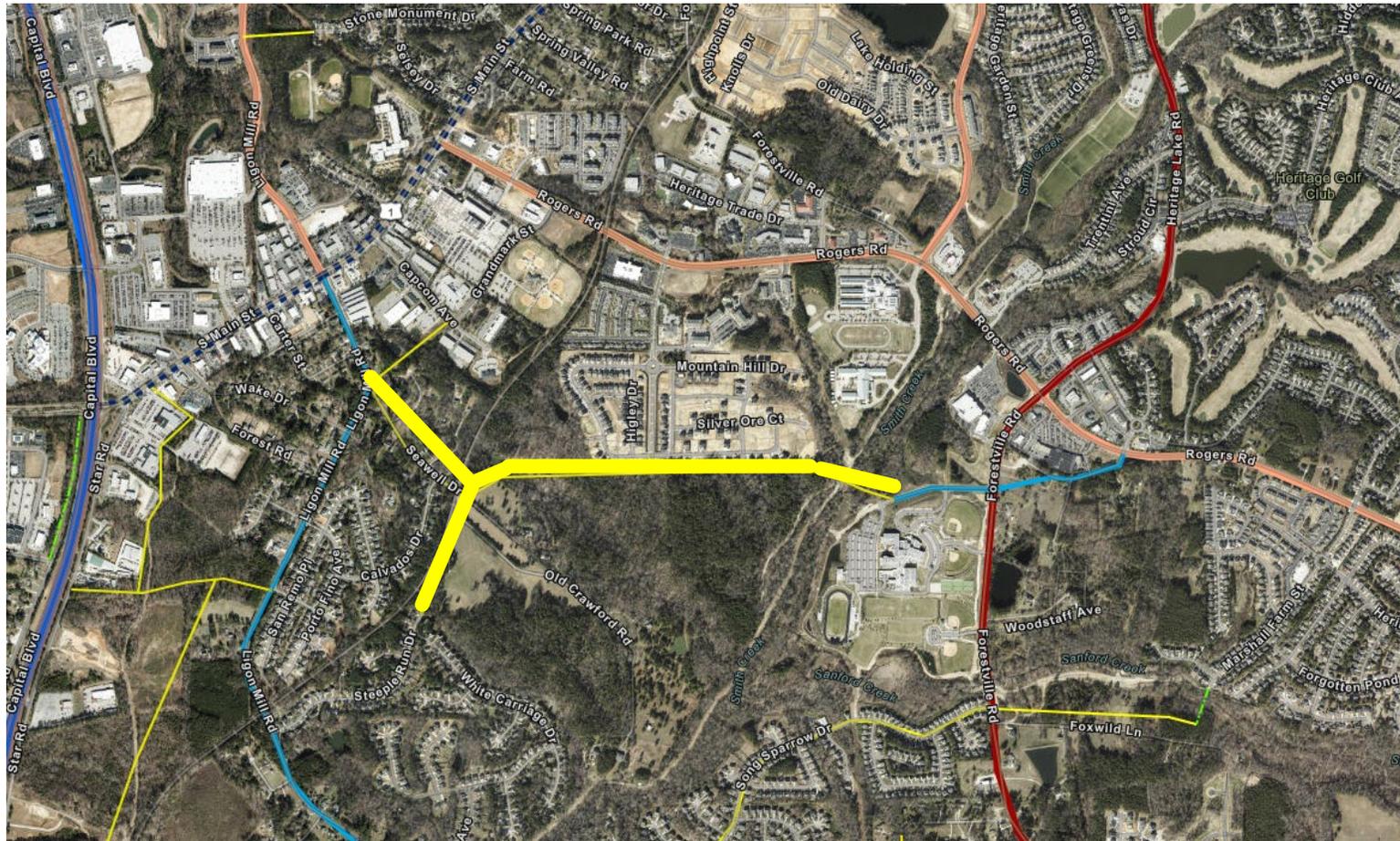
One comment about the road being planned on 'grant land' which was exclusively meant to be a forest

## Recommendation?

This segment has been included in the previous plans as well.

We recommend to include it in this plan as a 'parkway' segment (2 lanes undivided with shoulders)

# FOUNDATION DRIVE EXTENSION



# THE ONE-WAY LOOP PROPOSAL

23 Oppose

“Very much opposed to making the streets around the seminary one-way. This change would be extremely **detrimental to people accessing our church.**”

“...the current concept is too heavy handed in this sensitive area. It would be **more sensitive to the historic district** by lessening the footprint and eliminating the continuous left turn.”

“... Making the roadway one way will be a challenge for our **members and visitors and WEECare Preschool** parents to access our property.”

11 Support

“I like the one-way proposal around southeastern. This option **could address** numerous variables of concern regarding **traffic/safety** in that area.”

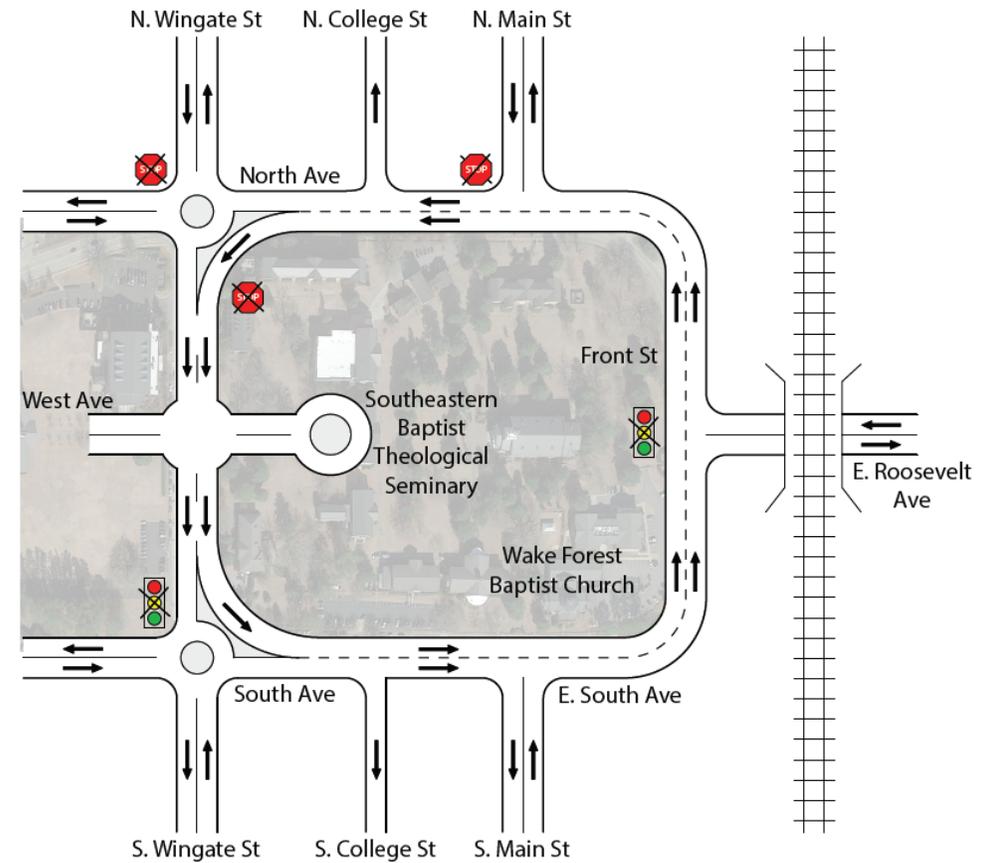
“**I think it is a great idea**, large circles and "run about" in Europe use that pattern and the flow without traffic light is easy. I recognize that for some people this will make there travel a little bit longer to reach their destination but not that much.”

“I think this is a great idea! Not only will it **consolidate the flow of traffic** but I believe it will deter drivers from "cutting through" this area.”

# THE ONE-WAY LOOP PROPOSAL

## Recommendation

This project stays in the list of “special recommendations” as an improvement which needs further study.



# BUS SERVICE

## 7 Commenters requested increase in service

Requests for increase in reach of the loop service  
Improving awareness about the service  
Increasing service during midday and weekends  
Providing service between retirement communities and grocery stores (and other such amenities)

## Recommendation

Reverse loop to reach the underserved communities in the north east of the town.  
Increasing awareness about the “free”-ness of the loop bus.

# STORY MAPS

The screenshot shows an Esri Story Map interface. At the top, the title is "Wake Forest Comprehensive Transportation Plan". Below the title is a navigation menu with tabs: "Welcome", "Overview", "Existing Conditions", "Test", "Public Engagement", "Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Network", and "Bicycle and Pedestrian Recommendations". The "Overview" tab is selected. The main content area has a dark header with the text "Overview of the CTP Update" and an "Edit" button. Below this is a large image of a sunset over a campus with a prominent steeple. A text box on the left contains the following information:

A Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range multimodal plan that identifies transportation need and proposes solutions for the next 25 to 30 years.

**What it is** - Multi-modal; A vision for the future of transportation; a guide for future roadway connections and cross sections; a guide for future development improvements; a guide for future transportation policies; an input for other planning agencies; inclusive of other plans; technically sound.

**What is it not** - Financially constrained; a commitment of funds; a land use or utility plan; a purely staff development plan.

At the bottom left, there is a circular logo with the text "like walk" and an icon of a person walking.

# NEXT STEPS

- Board briefing August 6
- Draft report early August
- Final Steering Committee meeting late August
- Final presentation to Board in September
- Final report after Board presentation
- Project Complete end of September

