

Meeting Summary

Wake Forest, NC Comprehensive Transportation Plan

May 23rd, 2018 @ 4 PM, Public Symposium #1 Summary



Overview

Approximately 35 people (not including Town or consultant staff) participated in two, back-to-back work sessions at the first public symposium conducted on May 23, 2018 at the Wake Forest History Museum. The following indicates the responses received from participants during (1) anonymous polling “clicker” responses during the open presentation, and (2) the map-based comments. The live-work-play map, dot preference maps, and presentation are included as additional attachments.

Results of Dot Preference for Transportation Treatments

The following are the most-often recommended transportation treatments identified by participants by placing sticky dots on images of those treatments (see also the attachment).

Mid-Block

Crossings: brick paver / decorative crosswalks



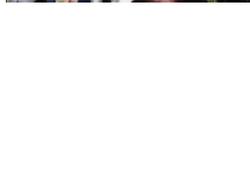
Off-Road Greenway:
asphalt surface



Intersection
Treatment:
roundabout



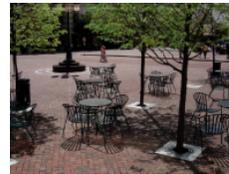
Pedestrian Signal:
countdown signal



Bicycle Facilities
(2): median bike boulevard (shown) and bike lane / buffered bike lane



Streetscape
Treatment (2):
seating (shown) and trees



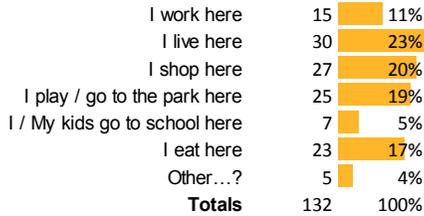
Crosswalk
Treatments:
stamped asphalt



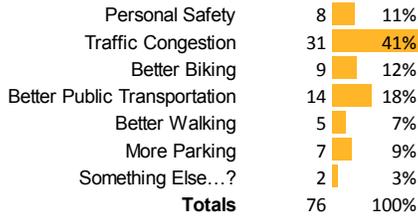
Results of Polling

The following graphic shows the results for the questions asked during the presentations to two groups of meeting participants (note: the first question was a “test” question). Notable discussion points with the audience included using NextDoor and the town phone tree for communication with the public.

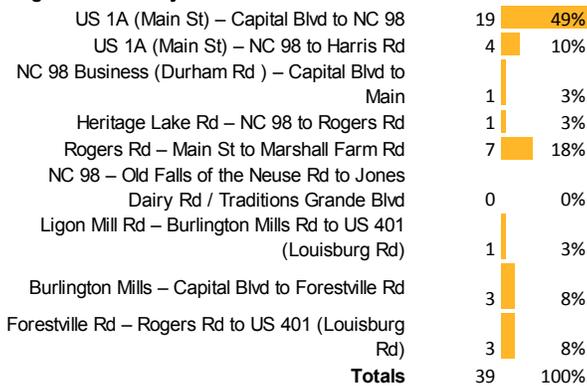
2. What happens in Wake Forest for you? (pick all that apply)



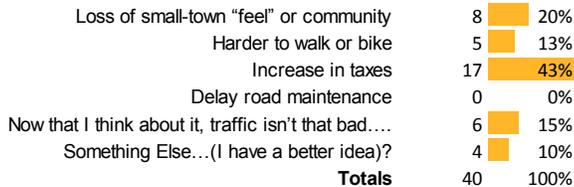
3. What is the most critical transportation problem in Wake Forest? (pick two)



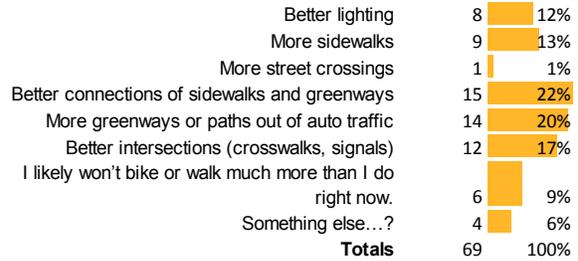
4. What's the most difficult corridor to drive through now, in terms of congestion or safety?



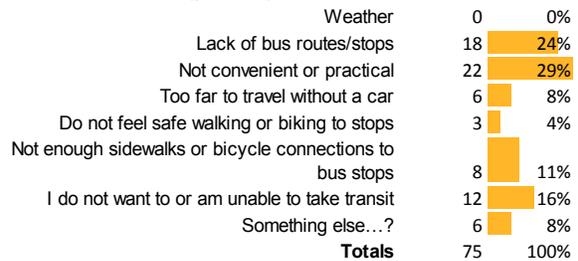
5. Big streets cost big money. What would you trade off to widen streets, improve signal timing, make intersections bigger, and other traditional capacity improvements (pick one)?



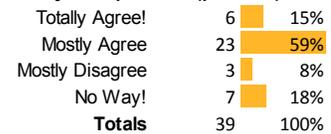
6. What would encourage you the most to bike or walk more often? (pick two)?



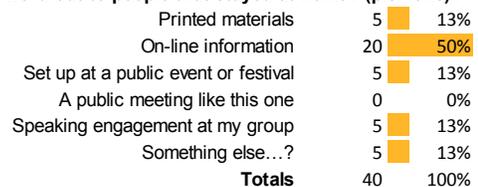
7. What are the two biggest barriers that prevent people from using Wake Forest's bus services (pick two)?



8. Rate your agreement with the statement: “The choice of which projects to be built should be determined by crash records, congestion levels, and other data; public input is not nearly as important.”(pick one)?



9. It's tough to get excited about long-range plans, but we want your plan and this process to be as open and transparent as possible. How can we best get the word out to people that stayed at home? (pick one)?

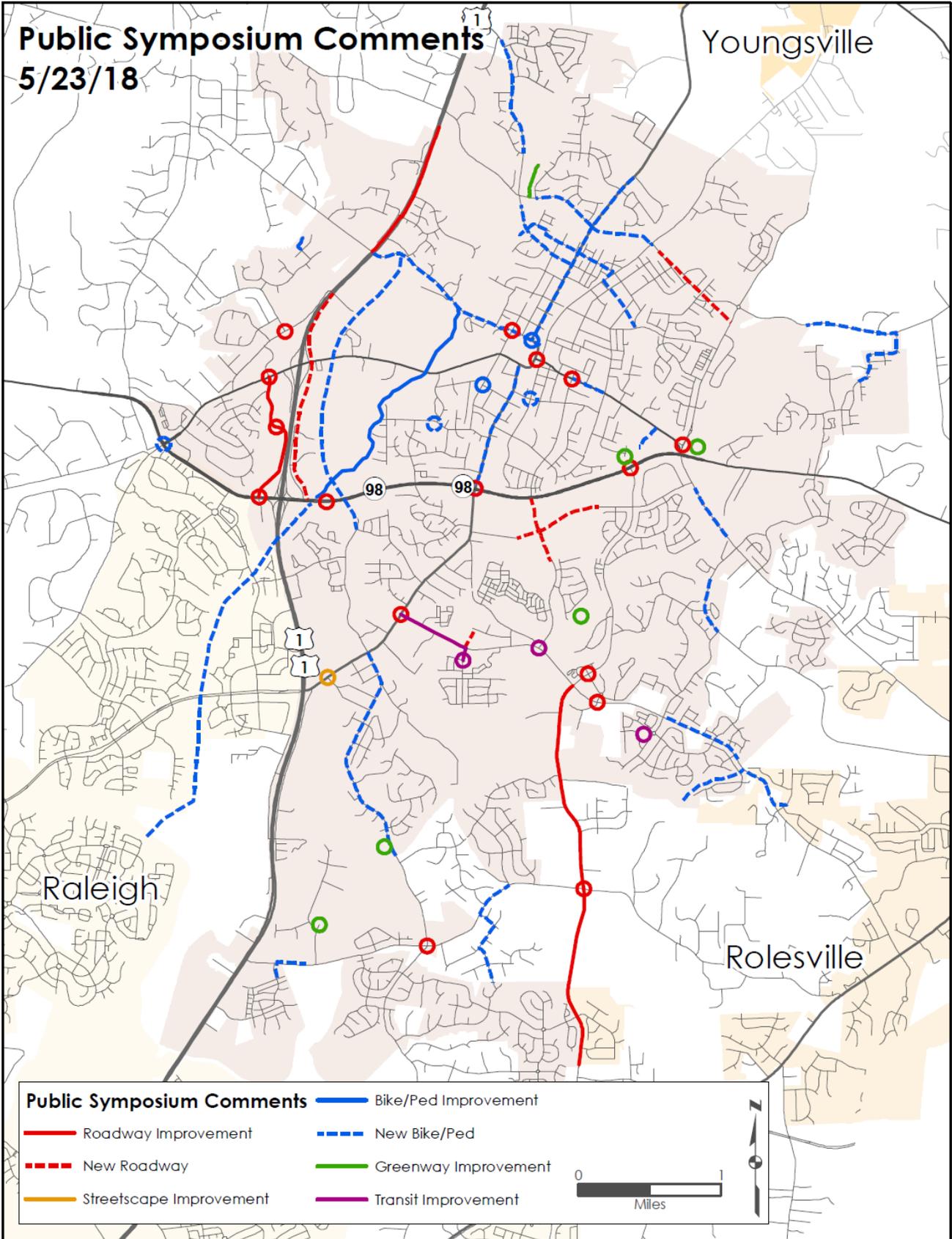


Results of Map-Based Comments

The following map indicates the results of the mapping exercise, obtained when people were asked to write down comments on transportation issues for roadways, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian modes of travel. Some of the comments included the following, as noted by staff at the tables where the mapping took place (see also the map on the following page):

- Connectivity in general (roadways, greenways connecting with rest of region, sidewalk gaps, etc.)
- Better signage/lighting for pedestrian crossings - it's great to have the marked crossings but nobody stops due to lack of visibility
- More sidewalks/bike infrastructure needed particularly north of downtown
- Access management/sight line issues on Retail Drive
- Increasing frequency of bus service
- Increase awareness of existing public transit services in town, find and support ways of introducing more people to the existing services
- Increase amount that developers are required to do (to improve transportation infrastructure) as part of new development
- Some favored passenger rail, others opposed it in part due to the impacts to the Town

attachments: (1) Meeting Notice, (2) Presentation, (3) Public input maps (scanned)



Got an opinion?



Come to the Public Meeting!

Wednesday, May 23rd

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wake Forest Historical Museum

414 N Main Street

Take the online survey at http://bit.ly/Transportation_Survey
For more information, contact the Planning Department (919.435.9510) or come by
the Planning Office in Wake Forest Town Hall, Third Floor, 301 S. Brooks St.