

STAFF REPORT

Transportation Plan Amendments

May 27, 2025 Town Council Meeting



Purpose of the Apex Transportation Plan

The Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan Map, Transit Plan Map, and Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan Map collectively represent a network of current and future facilities that provide guidance on what is likely to be suitable for long term growth, connectivity, recreation, and multimodal travel. The Transportation Plan does not provide a schedule for implementation, nor does it set aside funding for improvements. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan Map in order to make a decision.

A map of the proposed amendment to the Transportation Plan is displayed in Figure 1.

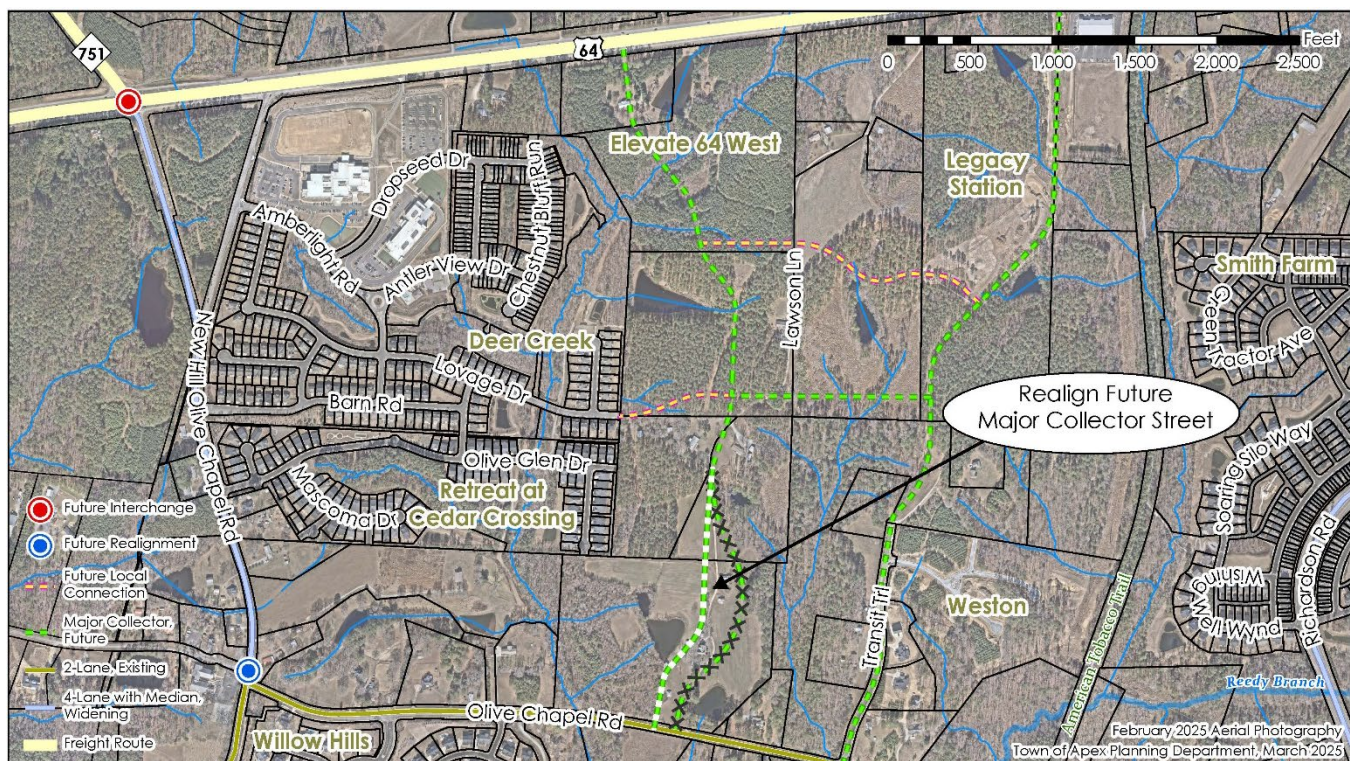


Figure 1. Proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan Map

Explanation of Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map is associated with the proposed rezoning, 24CZ16 Lawrence Property Planned Unit Development (PUD), which is located on both sides of Olive Chapel Road west of Transit Trail.

The amendment is to realign the future major collector street, shown approximately where existing Lawson Lane, a private street, is located. Major collector streets provide connectivity between thoroughfares. They typically require 60-feet of right of way and have pedestrian facilities and bicycle lanes on both sides. This future major collector street would extend from Olive Chapel Road to US 64. The Transportation Plan currently shows the future major collector street curving east to avoid buildings associated with the historic H.T. Lawrence Farm (WA1047). Baker Residential has proposed relocating the farmhouse and one to two outbuildings to the south side of Olive Chapel Road. This proposal has been coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office and

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Capital Area Preservation. Documentation of this coordination has been provided as Attachment 1. This relocation allows for the proposed shift of the future major collector street to the west, an alignment proposed as part of the rezoning. The request for the amendment from the applicant is provided as Attachment 2.

Staff Recommendation:

Planning Department staff recommend approval of the proposed amendment. The amendment was reviewed by staff in Transportation and Infrastructure Development; Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources; Police; and Fire and there were no concerns. It was also reviewed by staff in Water Resources, who indicated they had no major concerns but there could be additional wetland impacts with the proposed shift.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment at their May 12, 2025 meeting.