

STAFF REPORT
Transportation Plan Amendments

August 8, 2023 Town Council Meeting



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 require a schedule for implementation, nor does it set aside funding for improvements. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map in order to make a decision.

The proposed amendment is to add a Future Local Connection between Jenks Road and Goodwin Road, north of US 64 (see Figure 1). Portions of the Future Local Connection would be constructed by Arden at Summit Pines, which has an approved Minor Site Plan, and portions by approved rezoning case #22CZ21, Apex Light Industrial (see Figure 2). This amendment would make it transparent that the Future Local Connection is anticipated to cross intervening properties and would need to be planned for with future redevelopment of those properties. The Future Local Connection is consistent with recommendations from the US 64 Corridor Study for Wake and Chatham Counties, which proposes that, in the long-term, access to properties north of US 64 would be provided via a collector or frontage road connecting to a future interchange at Jenks Road, rather than through direct access to US 64 (see Figure 3).

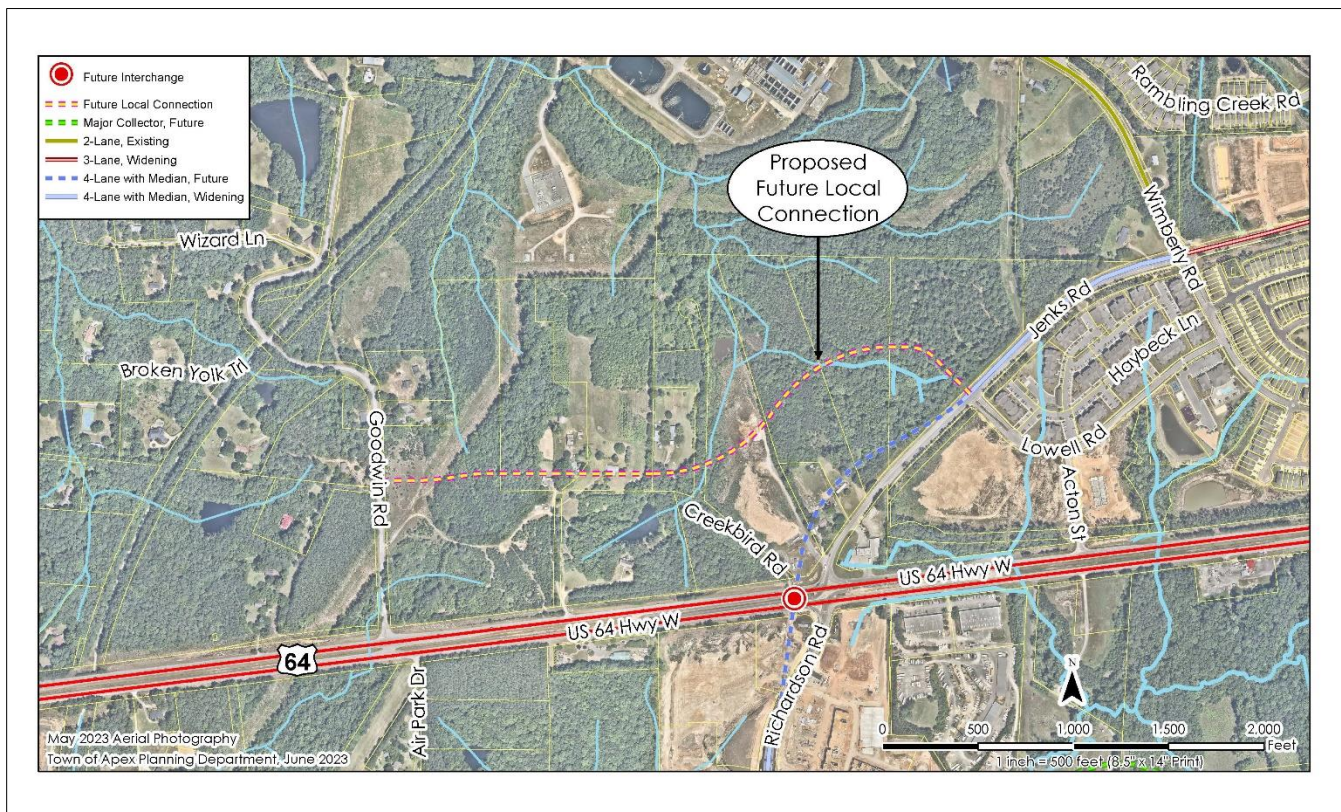


Figure 1. Proposed amendments to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map

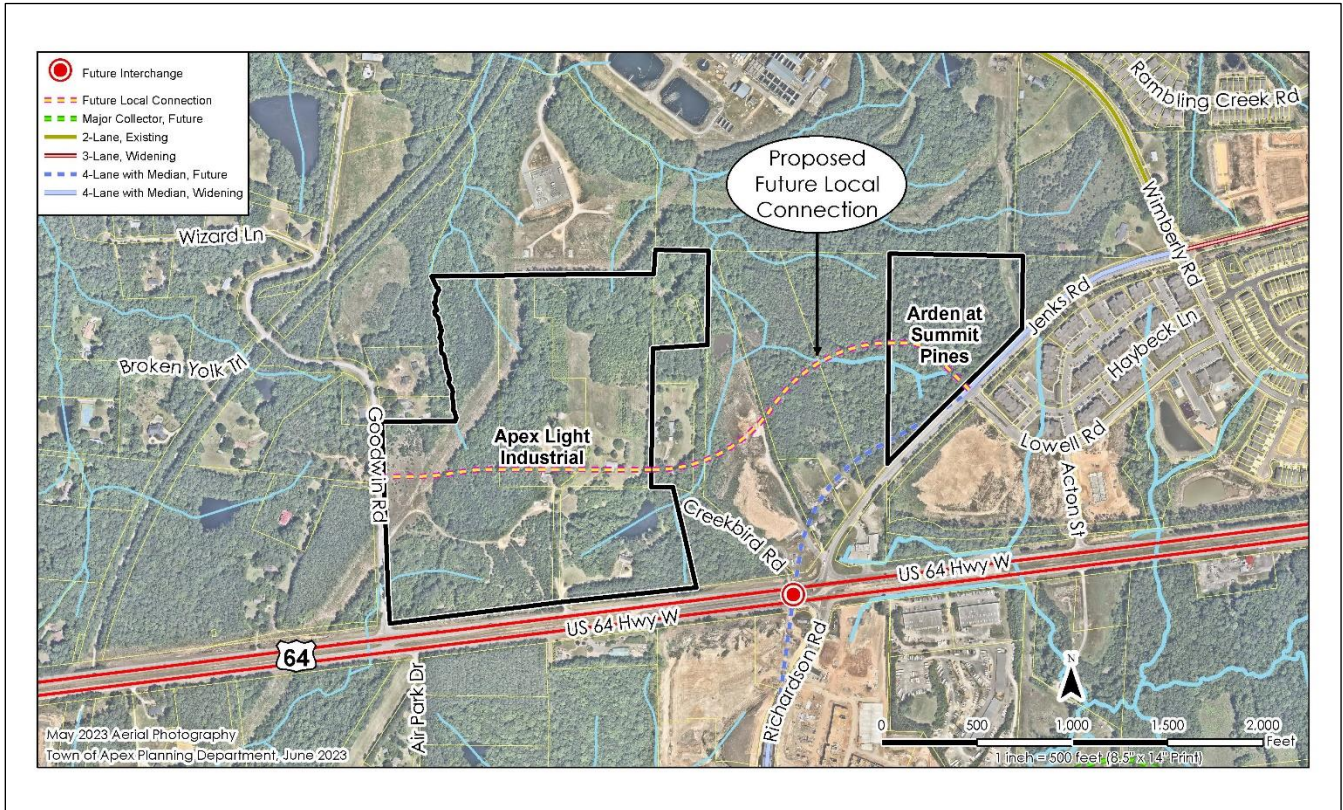


Figure 2. Depiction of proposed amendment with approved rezoning and site plans

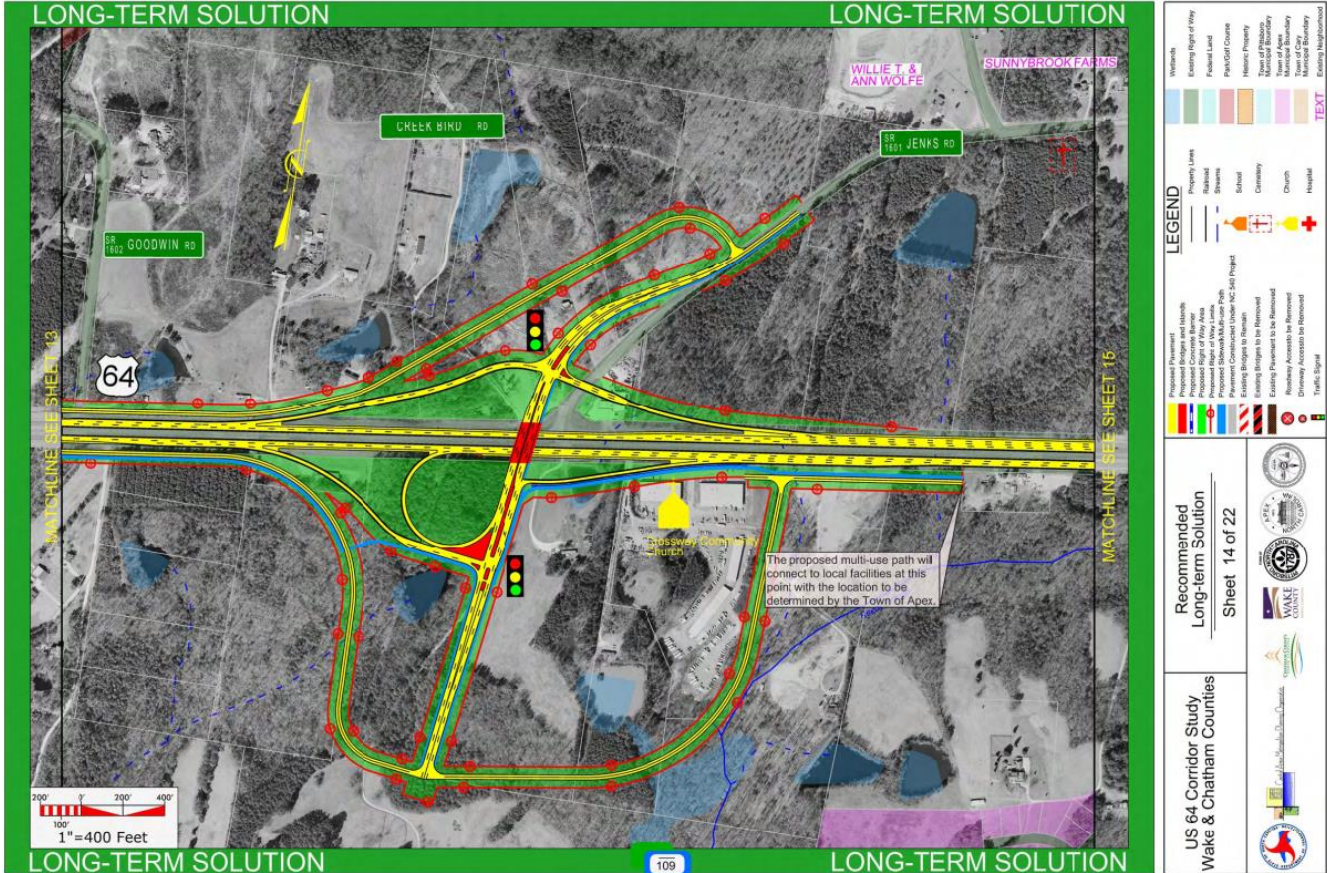


Figure 3. Depiction of the Long-Term Solution proposed in the US 64 Corridor Study Wake and Chatham Counties, 2011

Programmed Projects:

The proposed Future Local Connection is most likely to be constructed through development. Portions are anticipated to be constructed by the Arden at Summit Pines and Apex Light Industrial projects. No public projects are programmed to construct the remaining sections.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment during their July 10, 2023 meeting.

Staff Recommendation:

Planning staff recommend supporting the proposed amendment. Transportation, Infrastructure and Development; Fire; and Police are also supportive of the proposed amendment.