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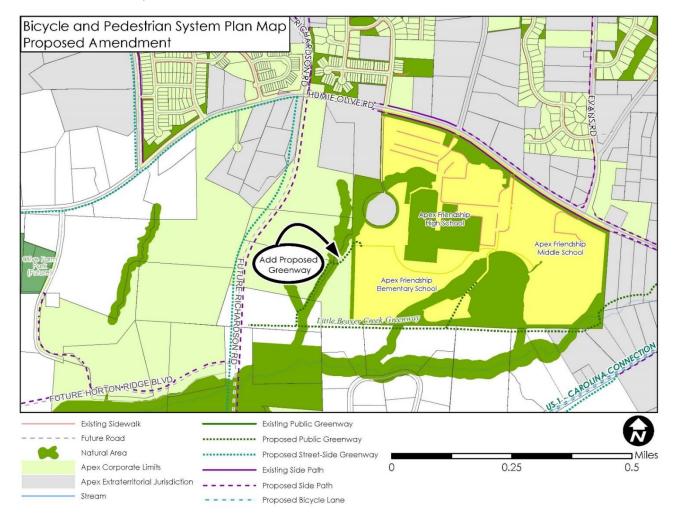
Transportation Plan Amendments

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The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the facts in order to formulate a decision. The Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map represents a network of current and future facilities that provide guidance on what is likely to be suitable for long term growth, connectivity, and recreation. The Plan does not require a schedule for implementation nor does it set aside funding for improvements. Instead, it helps the Town establish long term priorities and identify requirements for new development. The Plan was last amended on May 26, 2020.

Planning staff and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources staff request the addition of a Proposed Public Greenway extending from the proposed Apex Friendship Elementary School campus to the proposed Little Beaver Creek Greenway.



The purpose of this amendment is to provide a direct connection from the Little Beaver Creek Greenway to the proposed Apex Friendship Elementary School campus. It would also provide a connection from future mixeduse development to the greenway and school. While there is an existing greenway easement for a future connection from the Apex Friendship Middle School and Apex Friendship High School campuses to the Little Beaver Creek Greenway, it will be challenging to provide a connection from the future Apex Friendship Elementary School campus to that easement. The proposed amendment was developed through coordination with the Wake County Public School System and is included as a condition of Rezoning Case #20CZ08 Apex Friendship Elementary School.

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Staff Recommendation:

Planning staff and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources staff recommend approval of the proposed amendment to be shown on the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Commission Recommendation:

The commission considered and unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map during their August 2020 meeting.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board considered and unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment during their September 16, 2020 meeting.