

STAFF REPORT

Transportation Plan Amendments

October 10, 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 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 Transportation Plan along a segment of Schieffelin Road, in order to make a decision.

The proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map is to upgrade the designation of Schieffelin Road between US 1 and the future intersection with Apex Peakway from a Minor Collector to a Major Collector. A map of the proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map is displayed in Figure 1 below.

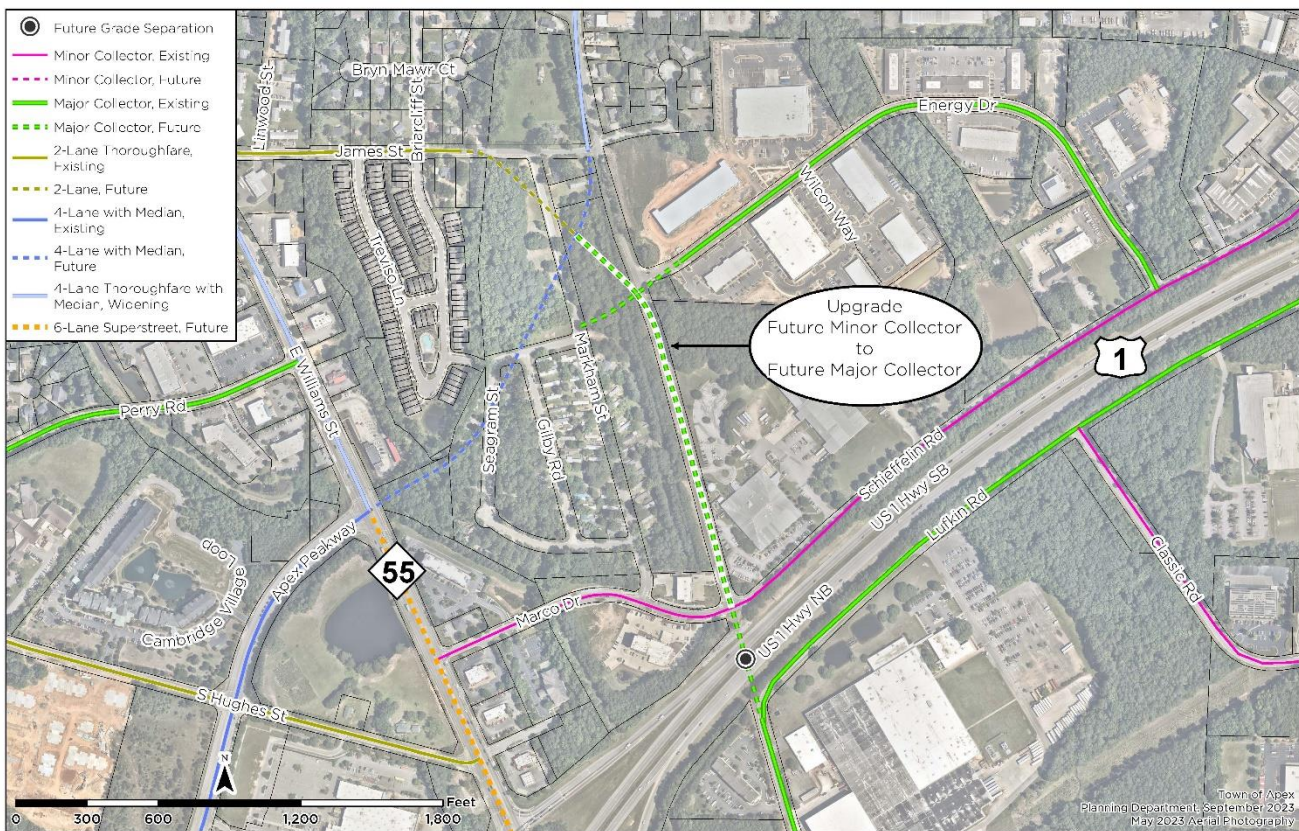


Figure 1. Proposed Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan Map Amendment

The purpose of the proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map is to continue the Major Collector designation north from the future grade separation at US 1 to the future intersection with Apex Peakway. A Major Collector designation is appropriate to consider in this location as Schieffelin Road would provide one of the limited crossing opportunities from a thoroughfare (Apex Peakway) over US 1. Additionally, the upgrade from a Minor Collector to a Major Collector will allow this segment of Schieffelin Road to accommodate bicycle lanes in the future. A proposed amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map to add proposed bicycle lanes along this segment of Schieffelin Road is included in the following Town Council agenda item on October 10, 2023.

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Staff Recommendation:

Planning Department staff recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Planning Board will consider this item at their October 9, 2023 meeting. Planning Department staff will share the results of the Planning Board meeting with Town Council at their October 10, 2023 meeting.