

# STAFF REPORT

## Transportation Plan Amendments

July 26, 2022 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 Transportation Plan in the vicinity of Chapel Ridge Road in order to make a decision. The proposed amendments are associated with rezoning case 22CZ07 Chapel Ridge Apartments Planned Unit Development (PUD).

The proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map would show a future Minor Collector street extending from Chapel Ridge Road to Beaver Creek Commons Drive (see Figure 1). The amendment would also remove the Minor Collector street designation shown along Ackerman Hill Drive.

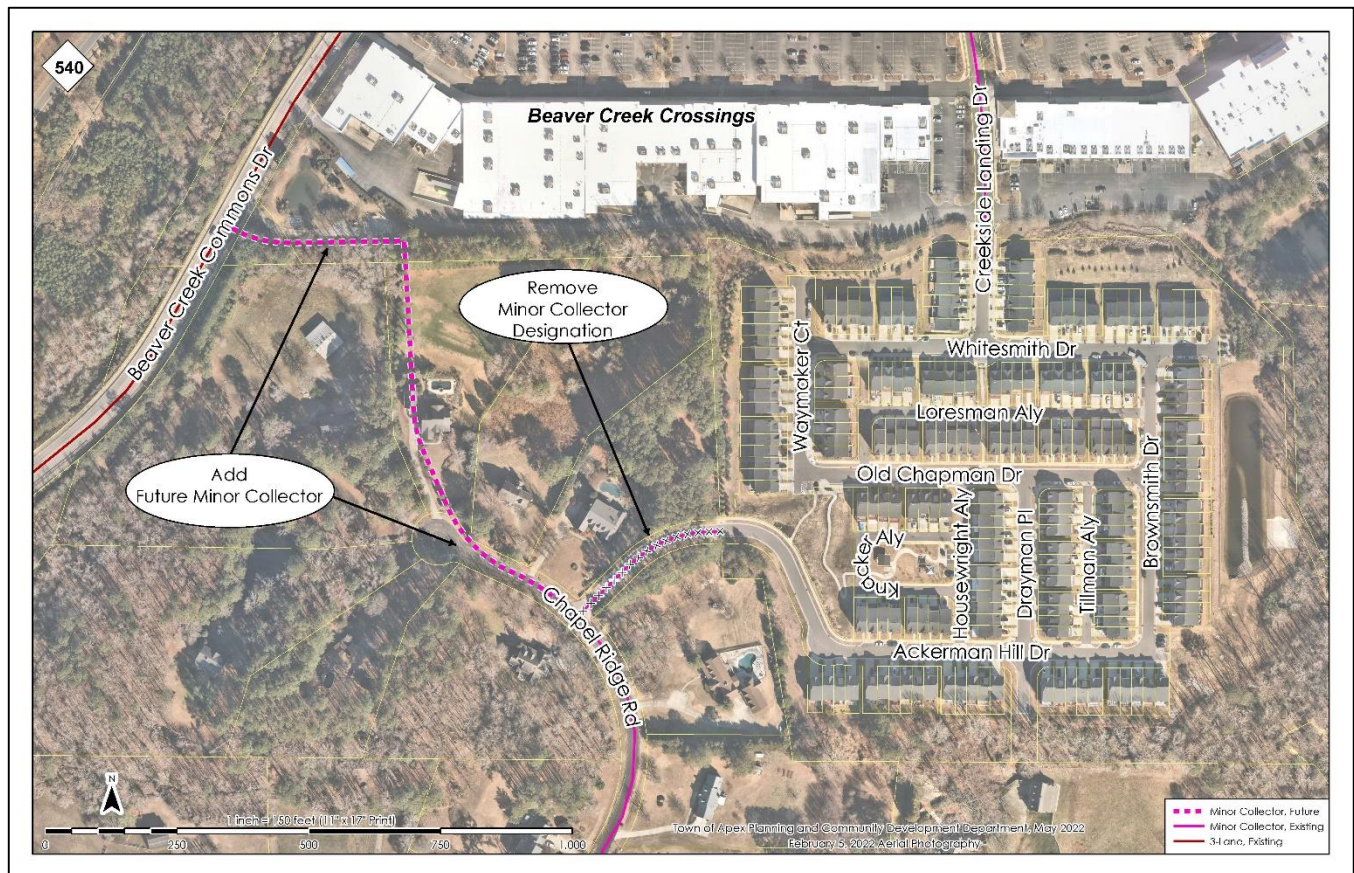


Figure 1. Proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map

The proposed amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map would add future side path along the east side of Chapel Ridge Road from the northern boundary of the approved 21CZ32 Chapel Ridge Towns PUD (across from Clark Farm Road) to Beaver Creek Commons Drive (see Figure 2).

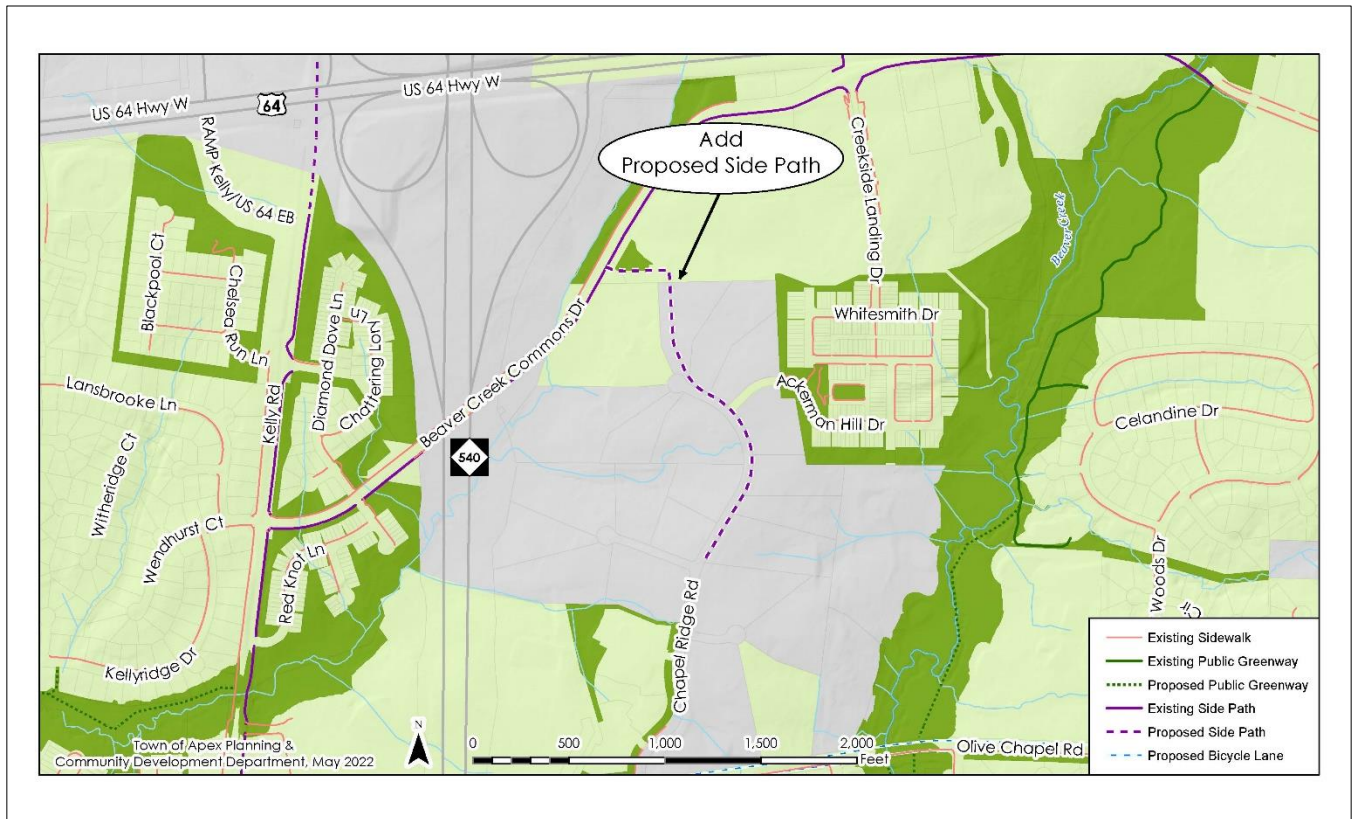


Figure 2. Proposed amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map



The proposed amendment to the Transit System Plan map would show a future local route extending along Chapel Ridge Road to Beaver Creek Commons Drive (see Figure 3). In the future, it is anticipated that GoApex Route 1 would use this route instead of turning around on private property within Olive Chapel Professional Park.

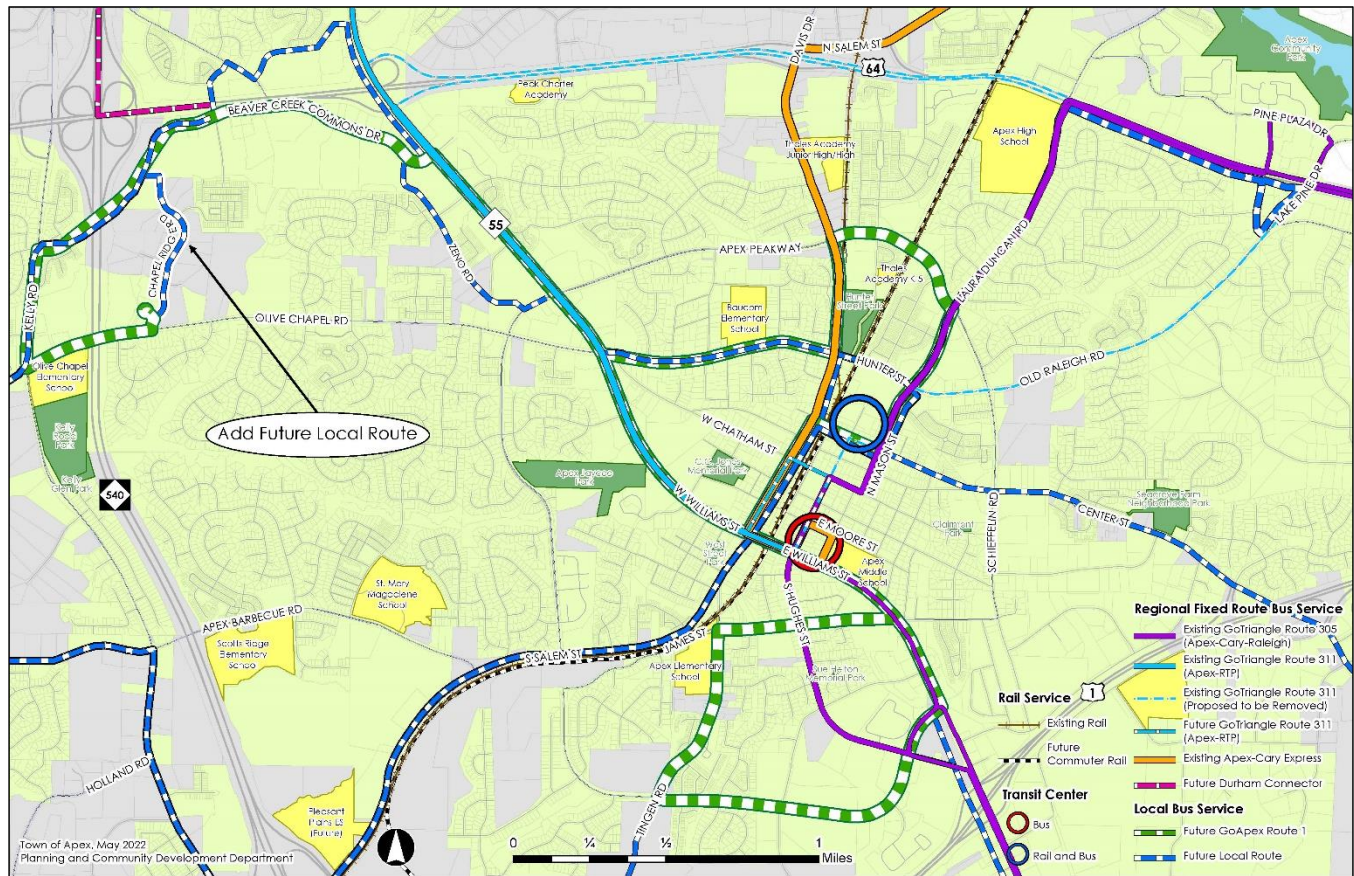


Figure 3. Proposed amendment to the Transit System Plan map

The proposed amendments are requested by Planning staff and are consistent with the proposed 22CZ07 Chapel Ridge Apartments PUD. These changes would improve connectivity of the roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit network in this growing area. Connectivity shortens travel time and reduces impacts to thoroughfares and intersections. In addition, it would provide a route for GoApex Route 1 using public facilities and permanent public easements. The agreement to use Olive Chapel Professional Park will expire in five years.

### Programmed Projects:

No municipal or state projects are programmed to complete the facilities addressed by these amendments. If approved, 22CZ07 Chapel Ridge Apartments PUD would construct a roadway connection with side path and a bus stop from Chapel Ridge Road to Beaver Creek Commons Drive. A portion of the connection would remain private with a public access and maintenance easement.

### Staff Recommendation:

Planning staff recommend supporting the proposed amendments. Staff from Public Works and Transportation; Fire; Police; and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources are also supportive of the proposed amendment.

**Transit Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

The Town of Apex Transit Advisory Committee considered the proposed amendment to the Transit Plan Map at their July 13, 2022 meeting and unanimously recommended approval.

**Planning Board Recommendation:**

The Planning Board considered the amendments at their July 11, 2022 meeting and recommended approval in a vote of four in favor and two opposed.