

STAFF REPORT

Transportation Plan Amendments

July 27, 2021 Town Council Meeting



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. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the network of planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities in order to formulate a decision.

The proposed amendments are related to the future bicycle and pedestrian system network south of Humie Olive Road and east of New Hill Olive Chapel Road. The amendments would revise the planned network as shown in Figure 1.

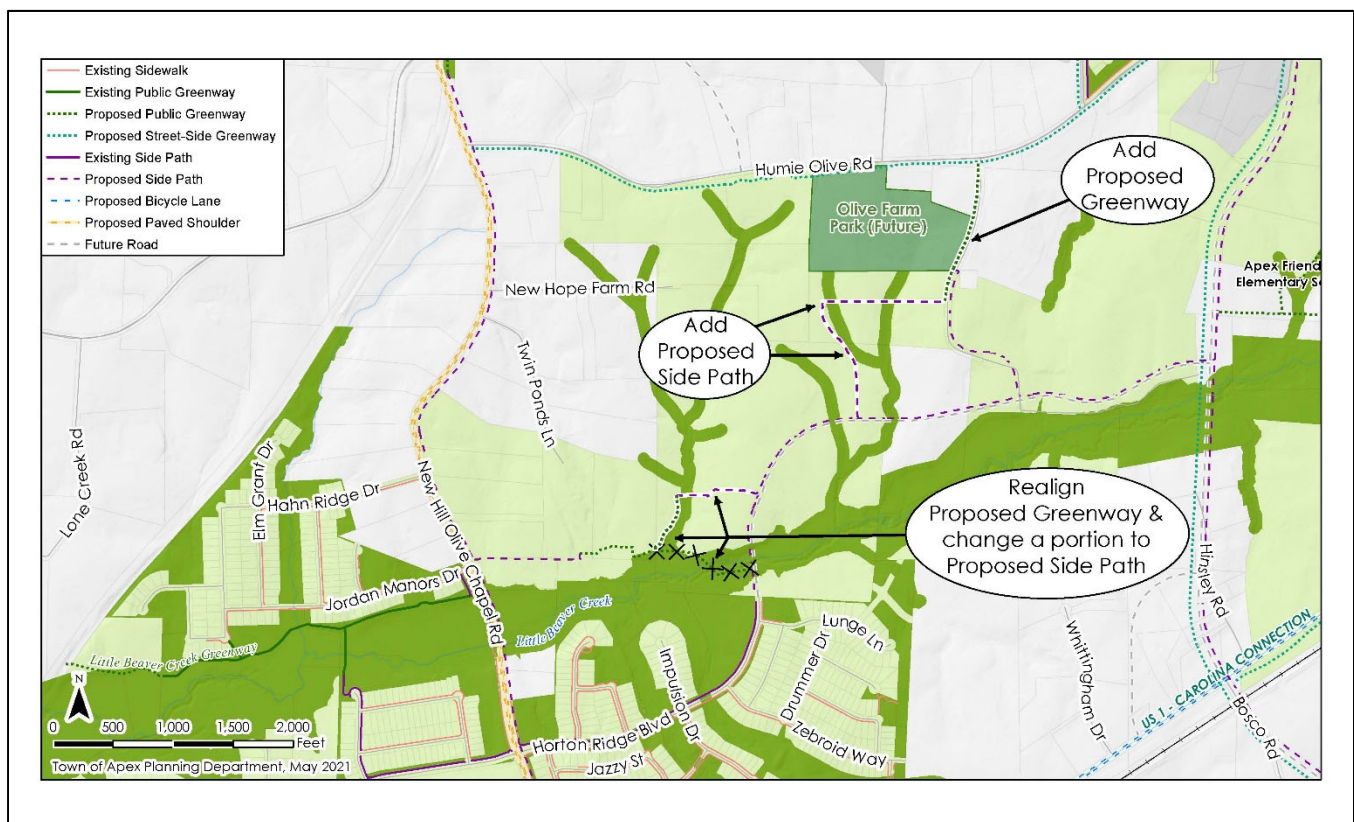


Figure 1. Proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map

This request is associated with the proposed layout of the Retreat at Friendship Master Subdivision Plan. The proposed amendments include: (1) realigning a portion of proposed greenway and modifying the facility type to proposed side path, which would minimize environmental impacts; and (2) adding a new proposed side path and a new proposed greenway, which would provide improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to Olive Farm Park (Future) and Humie Olive Road.

Staff Recommendation:

Planning staff recommends supporting the proposed amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map. The proposed amendments were reviewed with staff from Public Works and Transportation; Fire; Police; and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources. Representative staff indicated no concerns with the proposed amendment.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Commission Recommendation:

The Advisory Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments during their May 26, 2021 meeting.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments during their July 12, 2021 meeting.