

STAFF REPORT  
Transportation Plan Amendments

August 22, 2023 Town Council Meeting



The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the facts in order to make 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 15, 2023.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map to add proposed side path along the north side of Old Jenks Road from Holt Road to Davis Drive.

A map of the proposed amendment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan map is displayed in Figure 1 below.

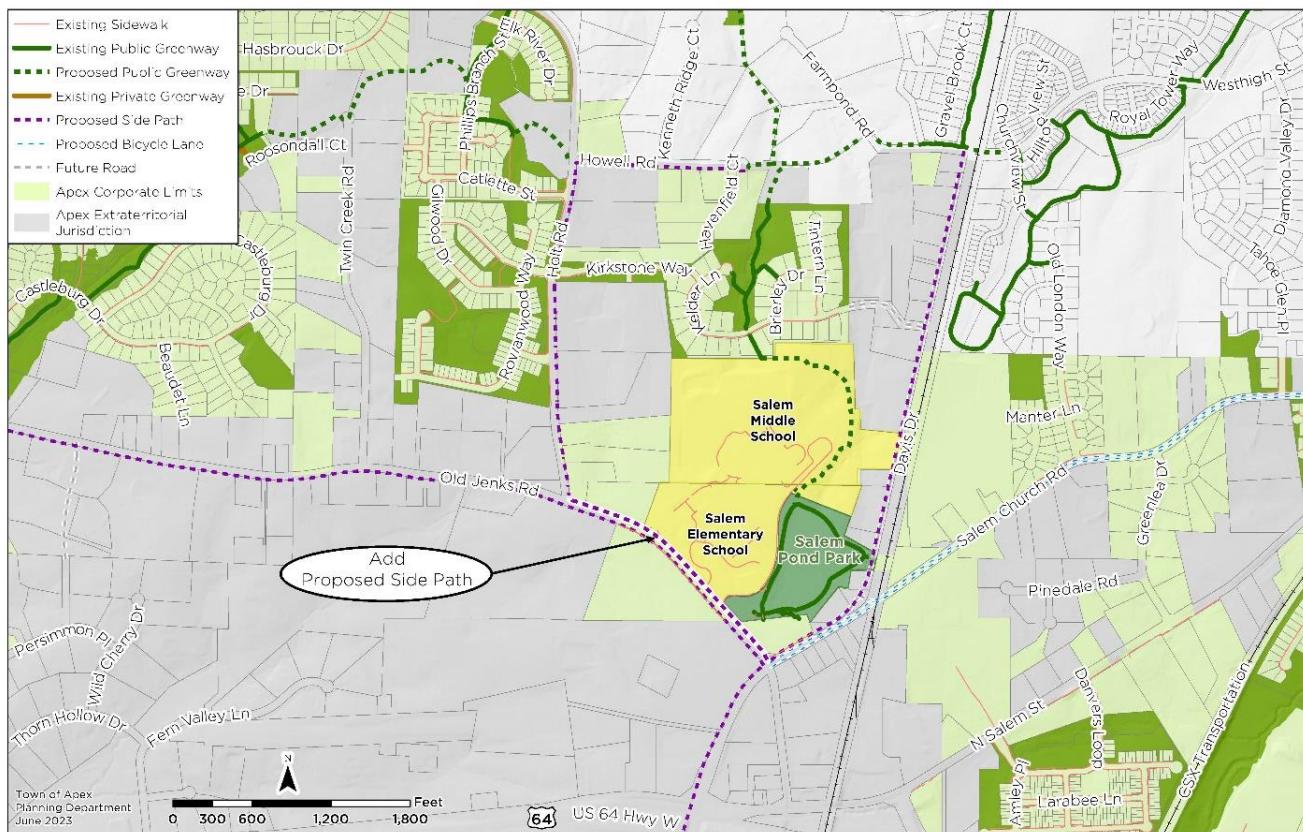


Figure 1. Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian System Plan Map Amendment

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the addition of proposed side path along the north side of Old Jenks Road in response to a suggestion from the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Commission at their April 26, 2023 meeting. This suggestion was shared with Town staff at the Advisory Commission meeting when the proposed amendment to add side path along the east side of Holt Road was presented. The purpose of this side path addition is to complete the bicycle and pedestrian connection to the Salem Elementary and Middle schools campus.

The proposed side path along the north side of Old Jenks Road would enhance the bicycle and pedestrian network. This side path would connect to the proposed side path along the east side of Holt Road, the

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proposed side path along the west side of Davis Drive, and the proposed side path along the west side of North Salem Street. The proposed side path would address an identified safe routes to school need to provide a bicycle and pedestrian connection from the Middleton subdivision to the main campus driveway.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Planning Department staff and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department staff recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

### **Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Commission Recommendation:**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Commission considered and unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment at their June 28, 2023 meeting.

### **Planning Board Recommendation:**

The Planning Board considered and unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendment at their August 14, 2023 meeting.