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Town Board Adopts 2035 Community Transportation Plan

On July 10th, the 2035 Community Transportation Plan (CTP) was adopted by the Town Board after a year of outreach and visioning with the community. The staff worked in concert with transportation consultant Kimley-Horn to prepare the plan, incorporating feedback from stakeholders and citizens during numerous public meetings and efforts. The adopted plan replaces the 2006 Community Transportation Plan and defines future transportation goals, funding strategies, and designs to prepare for future road needs. The CTP addresses various forms of transportation: vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle and transit mobility in Fuquay-Varina with a particular emphasis on better connectivity. The CTP provides a tool for assessing prioritization of needs similar to that used by Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), which will help Town transportation projects compete for State and Federal funding.

Over the past year, the Town has completed significant planning for the town's future with the Town Board adopting a new Land Development Ordinance, the 2035 Community Land Use Plan and the 2035 Community Transportation Plan. All three plans are designed to work together to shape and guide public and private investment in our community as we experience substantial growth. The plans also help to position the Town to secure other potential funding sources such as grants. This past year, the town secured \$12,355,000 in grants to fund various transportation and park projects.

While many municipalities in North Carolina have experienced a decline in population over the past ten years, Fuquay-Varina's population has more than doubled in the same time. Rapid growth in Fuquay-Varina and surrounding areas has brought both challenges and opportunities for citizens. Addressing traffic in Fuquay-Varina has become the top priority of the Board of Commissioners.

In 2015, voters overwhelmingly approved Transportation Bonds of \$21 million to fund several projects which are in various stages. Depending on the complexity and scope of a transportation project, the length from the initial stages of design to project completion can take 2-7 years. Factors influencing the complexity and time of a project include public and stakeholder outreach, environmental constraints, need for railroad authorization/coordination, need for NCDOT and/or Federal approvals, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and scope of construction.

Construction on the Intersection of Judd Parkway/Main Street/Broad Street could begin as early as fall 2017. Construction on the final leg of NW Judd Parkway should begin construction in mid-2018 and will be open for use by 2020. Further intersection improvements to Main/Sunset Lake/Purfoy will be completed in late fall 2017 with additional improvements north of the railroad taking place by 2019. Staggering the projects will help to minimize the impact construction will likely have on traffic.

The 2035 Community Transportation Plan identifies near, mid-term and long-term projects. Please view the [presentation on the 2035 Community Transportation Plan](#).