



General FAQ

What is a Comprehensive Transportation Plan?

A Comprehensive Transportation Plan, or CTP, serves as a road map to guide multiple modes of transportation development in Morrisville. Keeping a CTP up-to-date is important to address changing demographics, development patterns, and changing transportation policies and technology.

Why is an Update Needed?

The 2009-2035 Comprehensive Transportation Plan, known as the 2009 Transportation Plan, was adopted in 2009 and much has changed in Morrisville since that time. There have been shifts in population and employment, new developments built, and some changes to transportation policies. In addition, many transportation improvements identified in the 2009 Transportation Plan have already been funded or implemented. These include improvements along Davis Drive, Morrisville Parkway, and Airport Boulevard and \$260 million in committed funds for projects such as the construction of the McCrimmon Parkway Extension and widening of Aviation Parkway and Morrisville-Carpenter Road.

Where can I go to find out more information about the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update?

Visit the Town's webpage for the latest version of the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.

www.townofmorrisville.org/transportationplanupdate

In addition to roads, are other modes of transportation included in the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update?

While automobiles are the most common form of transportation in Morrisville, the draft Plan includes greenways, sidewalks, sidepaths, bike lanes, and public transit. Detailed information is located in **Chapter 4** of the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.

How can I provide feedback on the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update?

Feedback can be provided in person beginning at the August 28th Town Council meeting with additional opportunities available at Council meetings until the Public Hearing is closed. For anyone not able to attend a meeting, an online comment portal will be available on the Transportation Plan Update webpage.

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The online portal will remain open until closed by Town Council. Town Council is provided a copy of all online portal comments as part of the Council meeting agenda packet.

When did the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update process begin?

The process to update the 2009 Transportation Plan began in April 2016.

What public outreach did the Town conduct as part of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update?

Prior to preparing the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update, the public provided feedback at two community events, two public workshops, two open houses, and an online survey. Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Board also held work sessions, and provided guidance and recommendations.

In the spring of 2018, staff held 14 outreach events throughout the community to inform residents about the February 23, 2018 Draft Plan. Staff discussed the Draft Plan with members of the public and provided an opportunity to submit written comments.

More details on the public engagement activities are located in **Appendix D** of the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.





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Are impacts such as construction costs and environmental features considered when proposing new or widened roadways, intersection improvements, greenways, and other infrastructure improvements?

The Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update establishes a framework for potential road, greenway, bikeway, and transit projects. Town wide development constraints (e.g. environmental features) and planning cost estimates for some roadway projects are included in the **Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan, 07/23/2018 version**.

While potential environmental or fiscal impacts are an important component of a transportation plan, neither preclude the inclusion of new roads, intersection improvements, greenways, and other infrastructure improvements. There are several reasons why. First, some roadway improvements are simply too cost prohibitive for the Town to construct with only Town dollars. For example, the Morrisville Parkway grade separation project alone costs \$13.6 million dollars. For comparison, the Town's current total annual operating budget is \$38.5 million.

Second, without an adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan the Town would be ineligible for some federal and State funding. For example, the Crabtree-Hatcher Creek Greenway and the future widening of Morrisville-Carpenter Road were both funded through competitive federal grant programs.

Lastly, some very important road widening projects, such as NC54, would have to be removed from the Draft Comprehensive Update if cost and environmental impacts prohibited project inclusion since the planning cost estimate for NC 54 exceeds the Town's annual budget and a new bridge is required over Crabtree Creek.

Are new or widened roadways, intersection improvements, greenways, and other infrastructure improvements shown on an adopted Transportation Plan guaranteed to be built?

An adopted transportation plan simply states an elected body has voted in favor of using the plan as the official guidance for future transportation investments and decisions. Showing new or widened roadways, intersection improvements, greenways, and other infrastructure improvements on an adopted Transportation Plan does not guarantee construction; rather it allows the Town to:

- 1) seek funds from other entities for design and/or construction,
- 2) require a developer to construct specific road improvements, and/or
- 3) make informed capital improvement project decisions.

What is the process for reviewing and adopting the plan?

The Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update was presented to the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Board recommended adoption of the Draft Plan to the Town Council at the July 2018 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Town Council will review the Draft Plan, hold a Public Hearing, and potentially make changes to the Draft Plan before ultimately adopting the final Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.

