

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory CommissionDale McKeel, 560-4366 ext 36421 / bpac.devrev@durhamnc.gov11/23/14

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1. Add a text commitment on the development plan to construct a shared use (bicycle and pedestrian) trail parallel to US 15-501 as called for in the adopted New Hope Corridor Master Plan.
2. In the event that the intersection of Witherspoon Drive and Southwest Durham Drive does not meet the warrants for a traffic signal with pedestrian signals, add a text commitment on the development plan to provide a HAWK pedestrian beacon, with approval from the City of Durham and N.C. Department of Transportation, to enable pedestrians to safely cross Southwest Durham Drive in order to access bus stops and destinations on the west side of Southwest Durham Drive.
3. Add a text commitment on the development plan to extend the sidewalk off-site along Southwest Durham Drive to connect with the sidewalk in front of Colonial Grand Apartments, to ensure that there is not a gap in the sidewalk network along the east side of Southwest Durham Drive.
4. Add a text commitment to construct a concrete pad and bus shelter to DATA/TTA specifications along Southwest Durham Drive within ¼ mile of the site, subject to a determination by DATA and TTA on the need for these transit related improvements.

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Apartments, to ensure that there is not a gap in the sidewalk network along the east side of Southwest Durham Drive. Repeat comment for consideration by applicant.

2. Add text commitment to provide crosswalks and pedestrian signals at the intersection of Southwest Durham Drive and Witherspoon Boulevard / Site Access, subject to approval by the City of Durham and the N.C. Department of Transportation. New comment based on recommendation for a traffic signal at intersection.