



Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Sean Egan
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Dear Mr. Egan,

Thank you for your response regarding the resurfacing of Erwin Road and for providing background on the project. We feel that this project demonstrates the need for earlier coordination between the agencies and input from the community, especially for roadways where there is considerable impact on bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

We want to reiterate the remaining need for enhancements to this roadway. As stated in our letter, NCDOT, the City of Durham, and Duke University should still plan on working together to develop a long-term vision for Erwin Road that includes at least the following elements:

- Improved bus infrastructure and facilities to enable Bus Rapid Transit, including increased frequency, Transit Signal Priority, and improved stations.
- Protected facility for those bicycling, using scooters, electric wheelchairs and other mobility devices throughout the whole length of Erwin Road. The experience of such users must be as safe and comfortable as it is for cars.
- More safe, mid-block crossings for pedestrians, either through the use of signals or other means of traffic calming. The many pedestrians that access the area should be able to cross Erwin Road more easily and more frequently.
- More tree coverage, improved lighting, shorter crossing distances, and other facilities to improve the experience of all types of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit-users.

We would also add that the city should quickly update plans regarding this corridor and work with Duke on any of its planning efforts. These are fundamental and important changes that cannot wait until the road is eligible for resurfacing again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deniz".

Deniz Aydemir
Chair, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Javiera Caballero, Durham City Council
Heidi Carter, Durham County Board of Commissioners