

Wegmans – Proposed Traffic-Calming Measures Community Meeting 6.11.19

Questions and Answers:

1. “Who will be using the parking lot on the Cooper St. side of Old Durham?”

Staff Response: intended for employee parking, but not limited to them. Concerns expressed over patrons crossing street with children and packages.

2. “When the size of the store decreased in size did the number of parking spaces not decrease proportionately?” (referencing the Cary Wegmans)

Staff Response: The applicant indicated that the reason for a smaller footprint was due to improvements in operational efficiency, which results in less square footage needed for back-of-store. The area designated for selling goods will remain roughly the same, and so the same amount of customers is expected.

3. “Could medians be installed on Cooper St. and Legion Rd. Ext. to slow down traffic?”

Staff Response: The streets not wide enough to support medians.

4. “What is the distance between Sage Rd and the traffic circle?”

Wegmans Response: It is approximately 700 feet from Sage Road to the traffic circle.

5. “Where precisely will the traffic circle be built?”

Staff Response: On Durham Rd, near the center of the Wegmans property line.

6. “Do NOT install a Traffic Diverter. It will only shift traffic to Standish.”

Staff Response: The Town has heard this recommendation from the community and will pass it along to the Town Council for consideration.

Wegmans Response: Developer does not support diverter, and is concerned that traffic would be shifted to other neighborhood streets

7. “Don’t believe people will stop at the signs. Is there data to support stop signs reducing speed?”

Staff Response: Stop signs do not reduce vehicular speeds but reduce cut-through traffic.

8. “Are there any proposed stop signs on Old Durham?”

Staff Response: None are currently proposed.

9. “Speed tables work!”

Staff Response: Chapel Hill Fire Department does not support speed tables due to impact on fire trucks and delayed response time.

10. “Could there be a raised crosswalk on Old Durham?”

Staff Response: Old Durham Road is a state road and speed tables are not approved for state roads.

11. "Standish is already dangerous – cars go too fast, there are children living in the neighborhood, no sidewalks or bike lanes."

Staff Response: We will add Standish Drive to the Town's sidewalk priority list. We can look at adding bike lanes to Standish Drive but it would remove the ability for residents to park on the street.

12. "A greater police presence is requested."

Staff Response: The Police Department will continue traffic safety patrols in the area. CHPD will also increase our presence during the first several weeks after the opening of Wegmans to promote traffic safety.

13. "Propose a traffic egress from Wegmans along service road."

Staff Response: Under the current road configuration, the stacking distance for traffic exiting Wegmans would not have sufficient distance.

14. "Proposed "U-turn" from Old Durham in Fordham Blvd. to access Scarlett is 'ridiculous'."

Staff Response: Staff will not recommend U-Turn.

15. "Concerned about stopped city buses on Old Durham. What will that do to traffic flow, access/egress and safety?"

Staff Response: The buses stop for a short period of time that it does not usually cause traffic delays.

16. "Concerned about impact of Cooper St. diverter on Standish"

Staff Response: Based on the survey results at the Community meeting, Staff will not recommend the diverter on Cooper St.

17. "What other changes are proposed for Standish?"

Staff Response: No other changes are proposed for Standish Drive at this time.

18. "It just seems that all this 'We will assess traffic impact at 6 or 12 months' is simply kicking the can down the road"

Staff Response: Assessing the traffic impacts in 6 to 12 months is a way for staff to confirm and adjust as necessary any proposed impacts. We plan to mitigate impacts but there may be unintended consequences.

19. "Request "Timeline" and "Big Picture" for construction on Old Durham (both related to Wegmans and to bike/ped improvements), Wegmans opening, Eastowne development and opening, improvements of Old Durham/Fordham intersection, traffic circle, neighborhood traffic calming measures."

Staff Response: We understand the Wegmans off-site improvements will begin construction later this summer. The Old Durham Road bike/pedestrian improvements are expected to begin Fall 2019 with construction lasting about a year.

20. "Can we just not build Wegmans?"

Staff Response: The Special Use Permit for construction of Wegmans was approved by Town Council, and construction has begun. The developer has a right to develop the property and construction cannot be halted at this point.

21. "Will Wegmans be opened 24 hours a day?"

Staff Response: The developer has provided details that this store will open from 6am to Midnight.

22. "What time are deliveries scheduled to be made?"

Staff Response: We understand that deliveries will be made as-needed. There is no specific hours for deliveries.

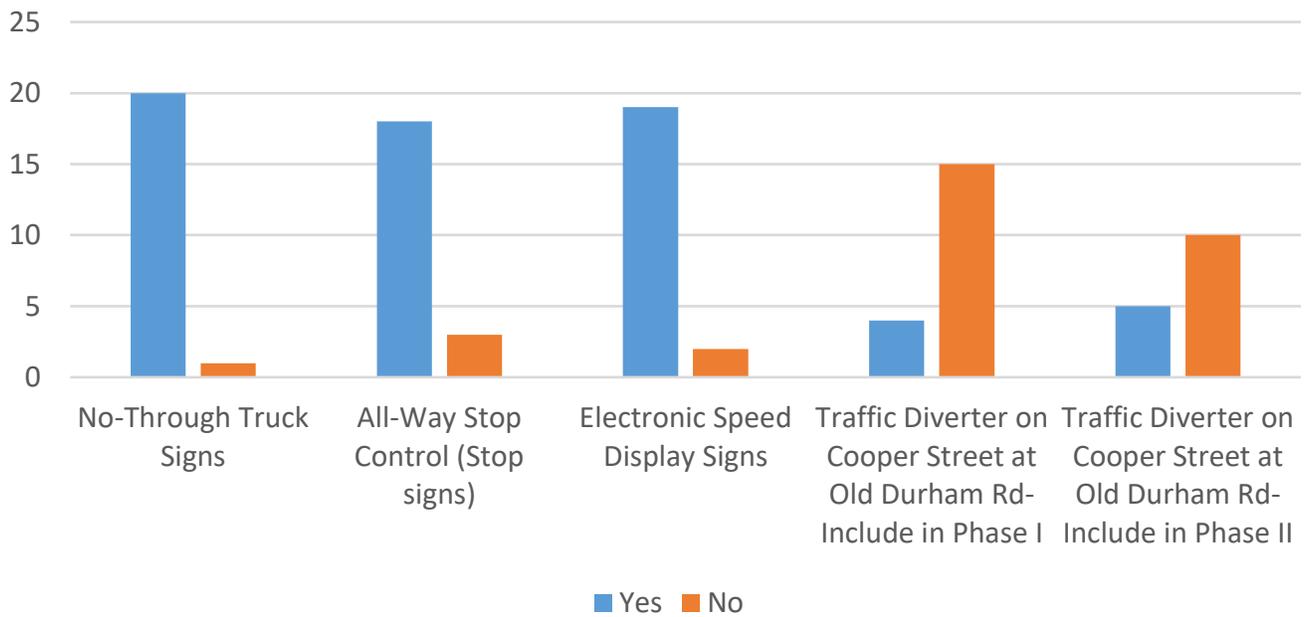
23. "Will delivery vehicles have a separate access/egress?"

Staff Response: Deliveries will use the entrance along Old Durham Rd. that is located at the rear of the store. This access point is not intended for general public use.

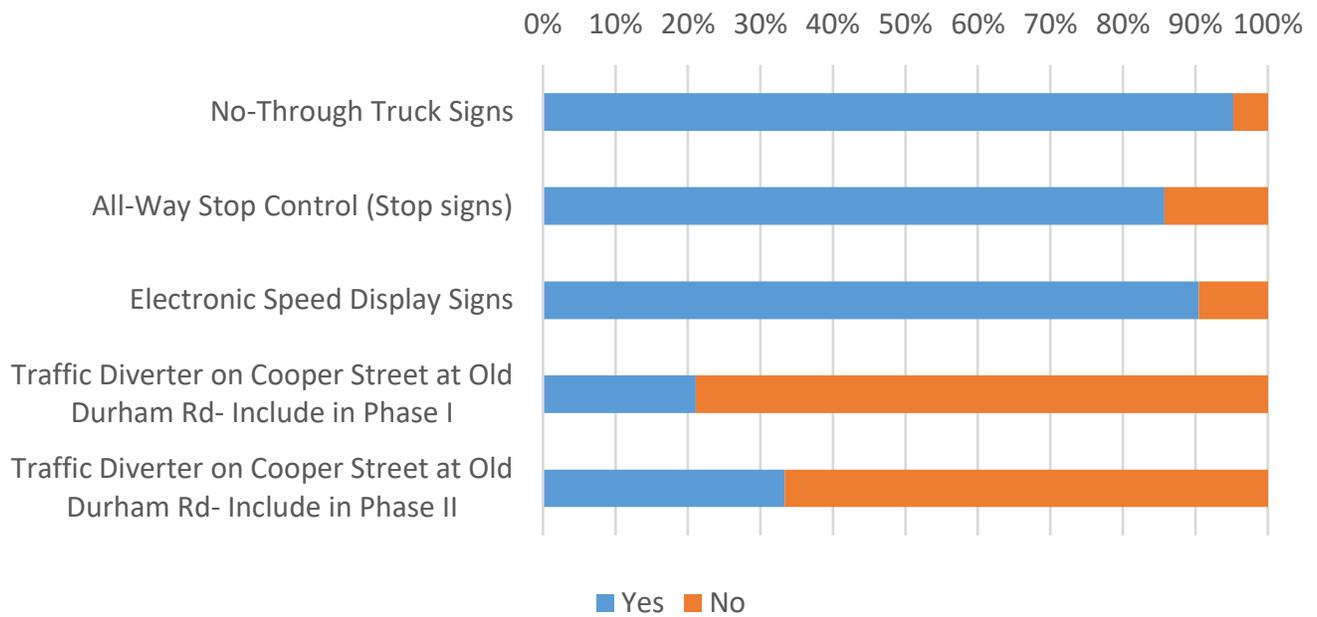
24. "Are there any State or local statues to protect wildlife?"

Staff Response: We have not been able to find any specific laws to protecting wildlife from vehicles.

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