

Carolina North Campus-to-Campus Connector Community Workshop

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Suite 133G University Square

Town of Chapel Hill &
UNC Chapel Hill

Background

- The Town and University approved a development agreement in June 2009 for Carolina North
<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1232>
- Section 5.16.2 of the agreement requires the Town and University to jointly explore a connector location and potential funding
- The staffs will work together, through a public process, to develop a recommendation for September 2010.

The Charge (development agreement section 5.16.2)

- “The Town and University shall expeditiously explore the location and funding for a greenway and bike path connection between the Carolina North project and main campus.”
- “This exploration shall seek a pathway that is not located within the MLK roadway, that avoids steep grades where feasible, and that is consistent with the planning process and other stipulations [in the agreement].

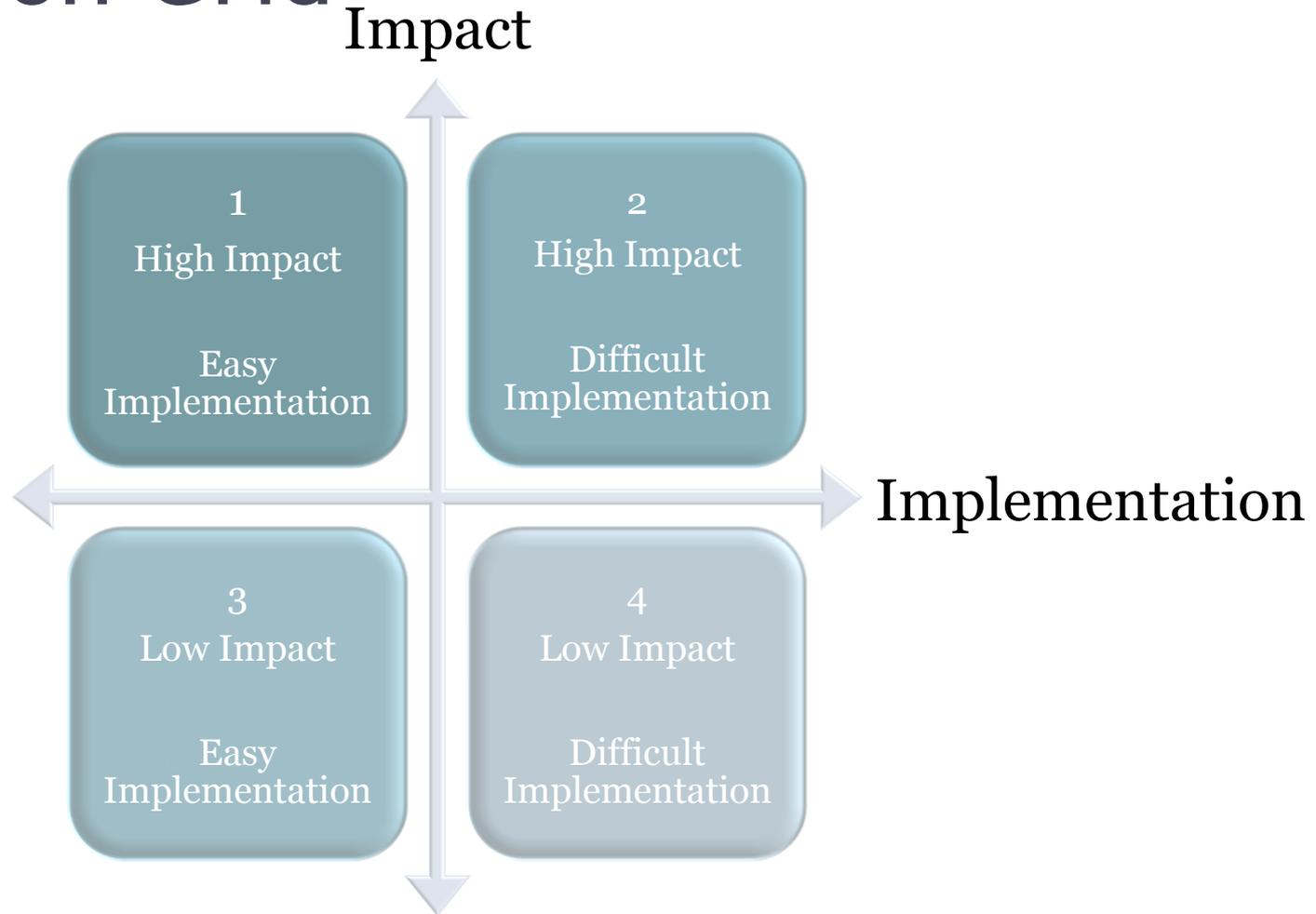
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- The route could include existing or planned greenways for a portion of the route.
- A report on the potential location and funding alternatives for implementation of this connection shall be included in the first Annual Report (September 2010).
- The product of this report should be coordinated to the extent feasible with the examination [of how the university and town plan and fund alternate transportation efforts 5.16.1]

Location, location, location!

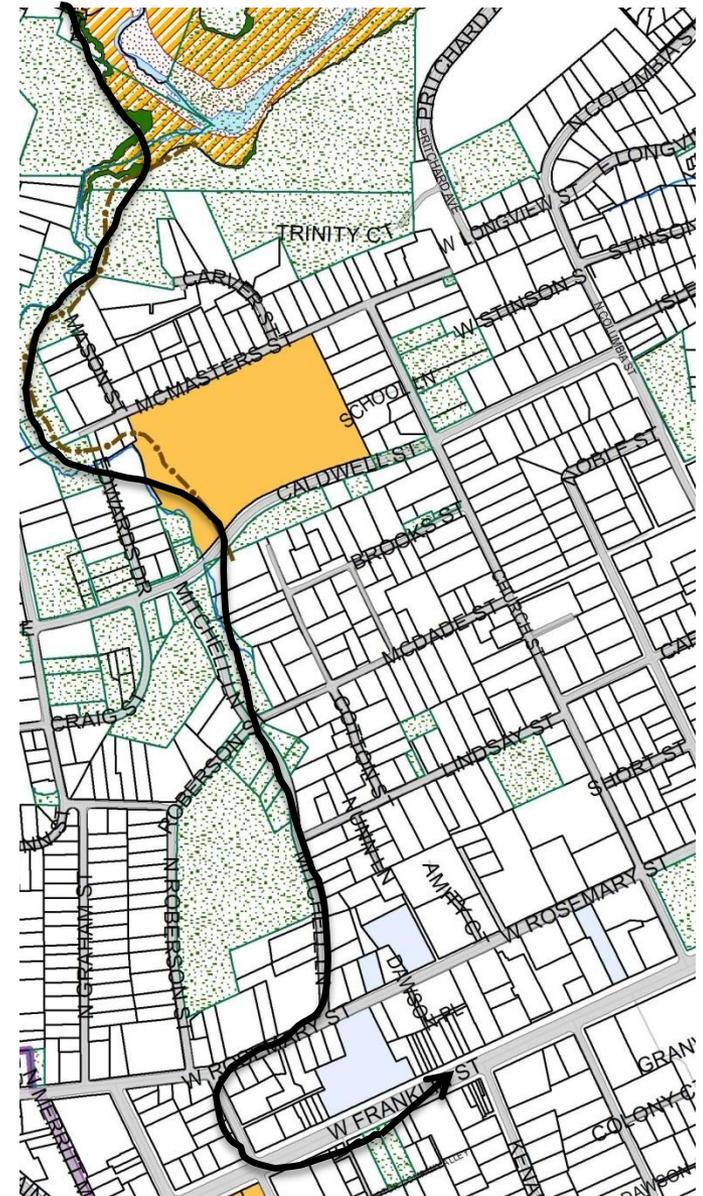
- Each group has topography, maps, aerial photographs and greenway/bikeway master plan information. Working together, focus on the following:
 1. Brainstorm opportunities & options (draw, write, describe)
 2. Categorize the information (use the grid)
 3. Provide other information (how do you get around? What feels safe? Other ideas? Property ownership issues? Funding?)

Evaluation Grid



Example 1

- Combination of easements, roads, public property, school site
- Requires coordination with traffic conditions
- Relatively short distance



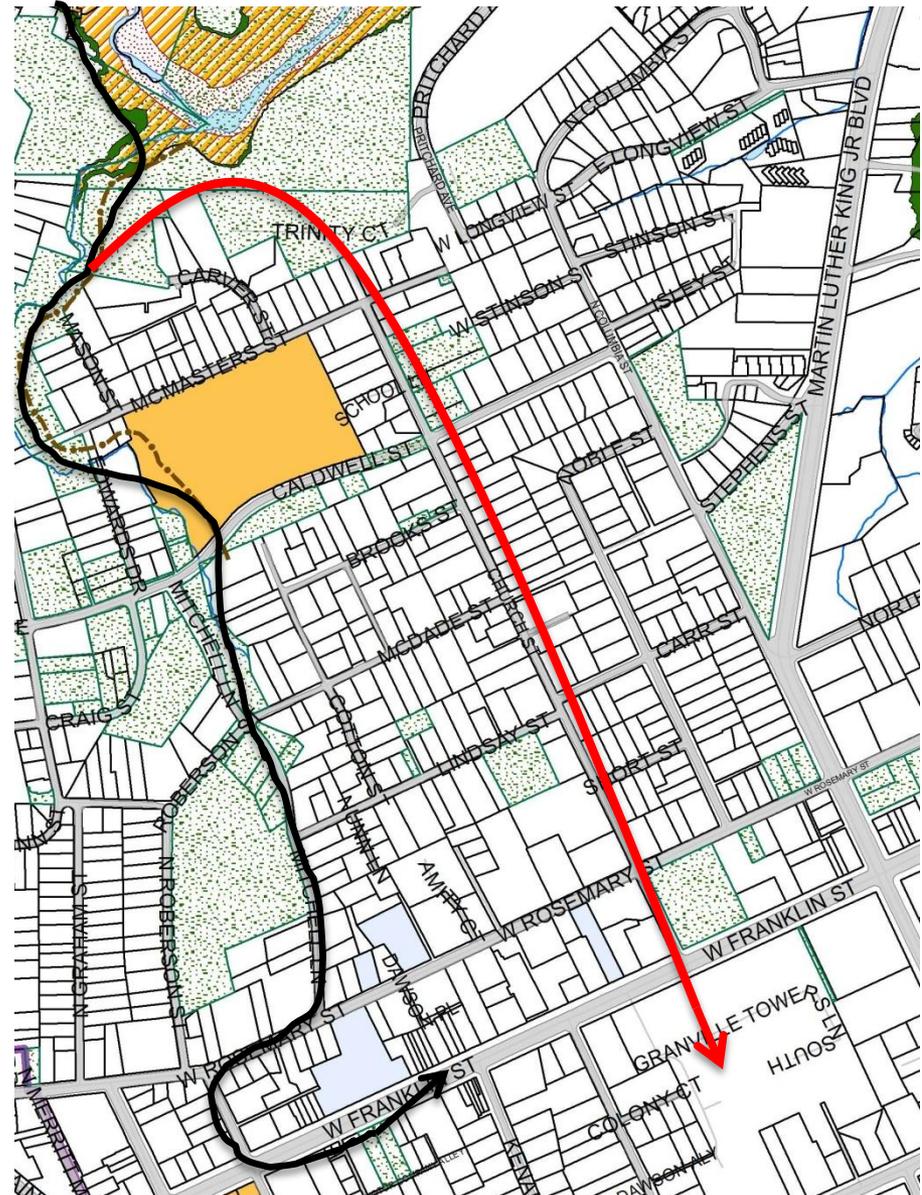
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High Impact

Difficult Implementation

Example 1alt.

- Requires understanding of bicycle/automobile use on shared roadway
- Opportunity to connect through University Square development to main campus



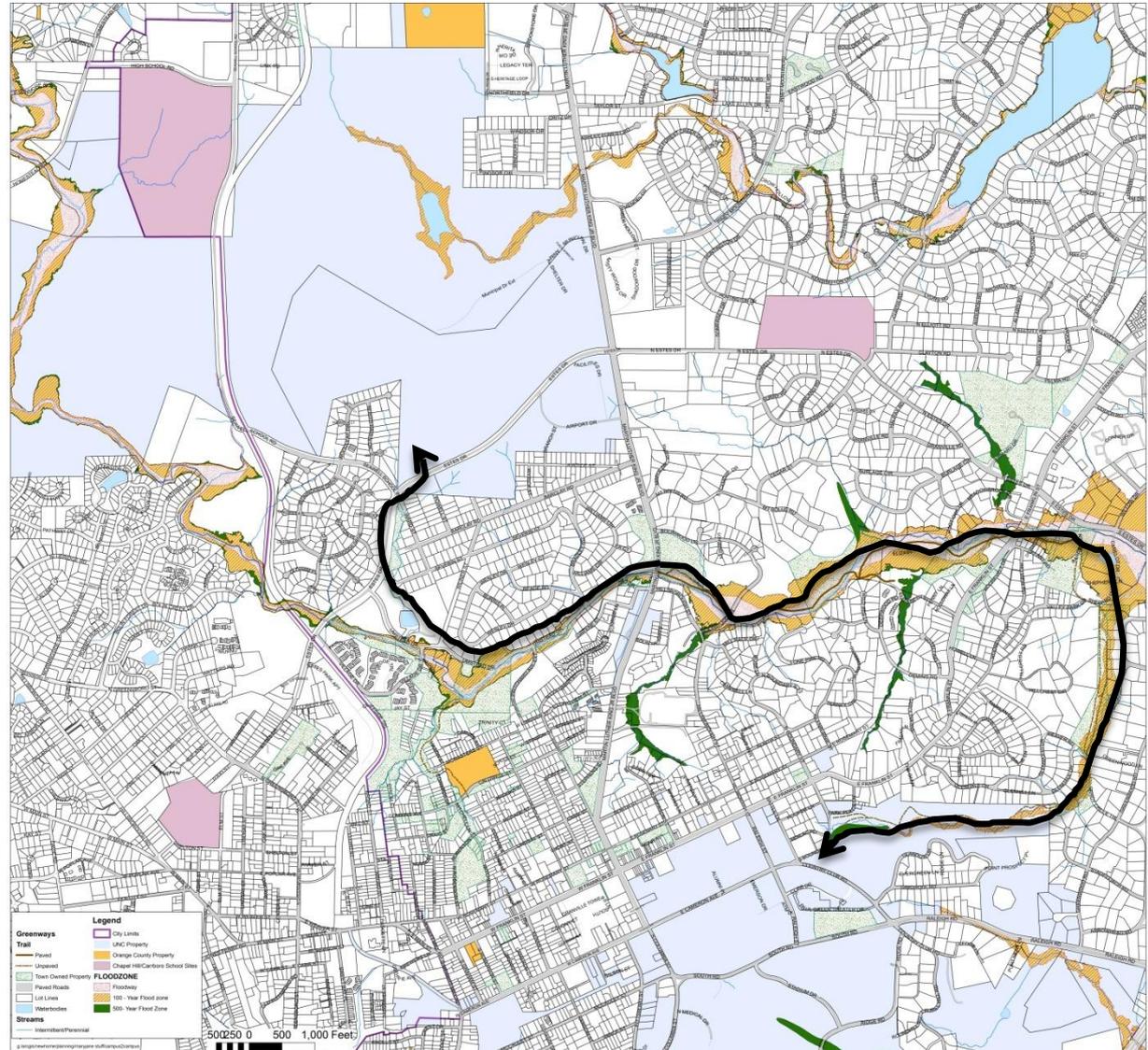
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Example 2

- Uses existing greenways and planned improvements
- Relatively flat & fewest traffic crossings
- Perception/reality of longer distance
- Requires paving unpaved trails



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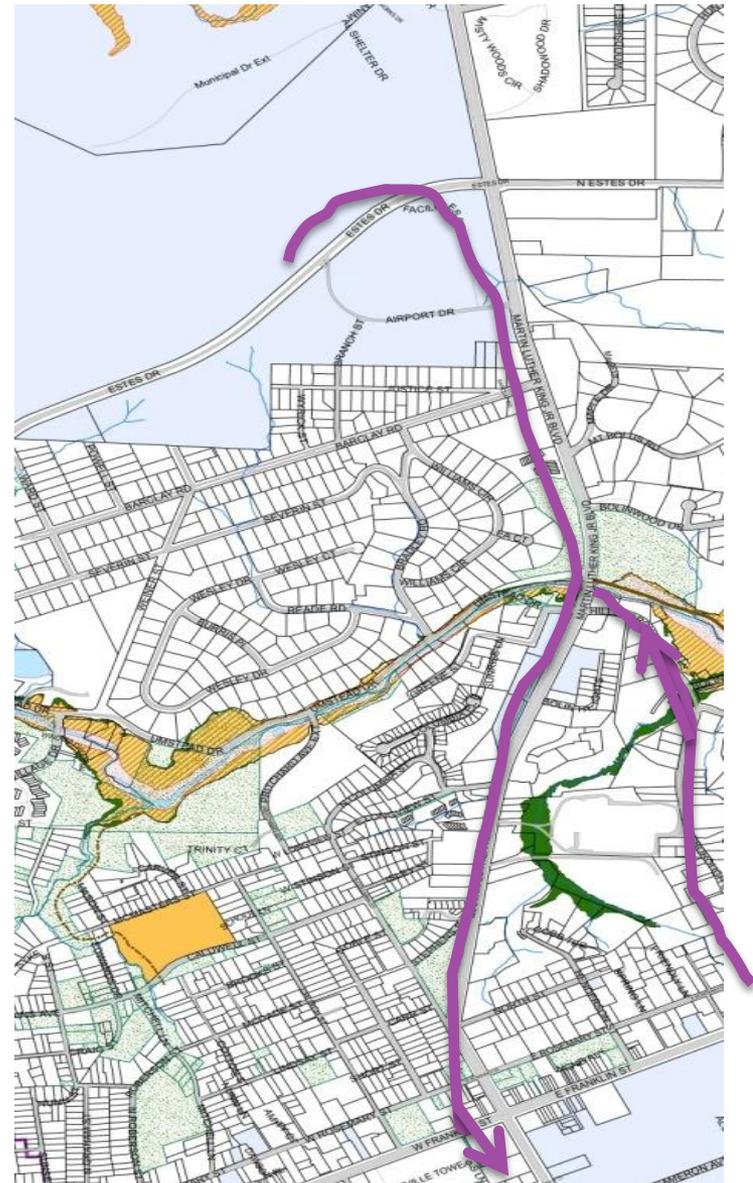
Example 3

- Coordination with bus service to have frequent, easy use of bike-loading to improve MLK corridor
- Does not have a greenway 'feel' but off road paths could mitigate
- Most expedient for time-sensitive commutes?

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High Impact

Easy
Implementation



Process & Next Steps

- **Tonight:**
 - Group Brainstorming: 40 mn.
 - Report Out: key ideas, routes
 - Town and University Staff will compile input
- **Next Steps:**
 - Information to be circulated to advisory boards, other stakeholders & placed on the website
 - January 11, 2010 – Town Council reviews public participation plan
 - Further refinements will be developed by Town and University staffs and shared with the community