

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, April 22, 2002

AGENDA

5:00 P.M.

Recommendations for the Southwest Durham Drive and Transit Corridor

On April 8, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the findings of a design charette recently sponsored by the Durham Area Designers to explore and consider alternatives to the alignment of the Southwest Durham Drive and Fixed Guideway routes in southwest Durham. The parcel of land recently purchased by the Durham Public Schools served as the catalyst for the charette, which recommended an alternate route for Southwest Durham Drive as well as the proposed transit corridor. Mr. George Smart, an area landowner, has also produced an alternate for the Board's consideration. Neither route would traverse the proposed school site.

The school system needs to proceed with the design of its site in order to open a new elementary school in the fall of 2004. While any final regional alignment of the transit routes will require careful study, local governing bodies must first determine if some other alternative to the currently proposed corridor merits consideration.

Resource Person(s): George Smart, area property owner; Dan Jewell, member, Durham Area Designers; and Hugh Osteen, Assistant Superintendent, Durham Public Schools

County Manager's Recommendation: The Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation and determine if any recommendation regarding the proposed alignment should be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).