



## Staff Senate Meeting September 5, 2007

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The September 5, 2007 Staff Senate session included the following items:

**Speakers:**

Chair Gail Willis opened the session by introducing Todd Deck, from Kimley-Horne, Inc. with the Hillsborough Street Project.

**Todd Deck** provided updates to the Hillsborough Street Project.

The vision of the Hillsborough Street Project is to transform a major thoroughfare from a congested four-lane street to a safer two-lane avenue, and to create a pedestrian friendly environment with shorter crossings for pedestrians. The project hopes to:

- Improve vehicular and pedestrian safety
- Improve pedestrian access
- Create a sense of place
- Promote economic redevelopment and
- Improve appearance

The project started out with 2 segments: the business area from Gardner to Enterprise to include 2 roundabouts, and the bell tower area from Enterprise to Oberlin to include 2 roundabouts. It has since become a hybrid of the two segments. The project currently includes a seven foot median, two eleven foot traffic lanes, a five foot buffer, parking along both sides of the street, eight foot walkways with 13 crosswalks, and underground utilities. It is a \$6.5 million project that will reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour and increase the number of parking spaces.

City Council will hold a public hearing in October of this year to obtain feedback on the project. The tentative timeline for the project would be to open bids for construction in February 2008. Construction would begin in April/May 2008 with hopes of concluding in November 2008. During construction, at least one lane of traffic would remain open in each direction.

For more information about the Hillsborough Street Project, visit the project website at [www.hillsboroughstreet.org](http://www.hillsboroughstreet.org)

**Lisa Fiedor and Suzanne Hugus** presented on the Pathways – CSI: NCSU WolfWalks Crosswalk Safety Initiative. This group focused on the safety of pedestrian traffic along Dan Allen Drive. They found crosswalks not clearly defined or marked and jaywalking and heavy traffic at certain intersections. The proposed solutions are to add painted crosswalks and road signs, and to enforce usage of crosswalks with police issued warnings and tickets.

**Announcements:**

**Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars and watch for more information**

- A University **Budget Forum** will be held on October 8, 3:30pm – 5:00pm in 2215 Williams Hall.
- Staff Senate will host an **Open Forum** event on October 11, 9:00am-12:00pm. Speakers will present information and answer questions on current topics of interest to employees.

**Officers for the 2007-2008 Staff Senate year were elected:**

Chair	Gail Willis
Chair-elect	Laura Massengill
Vice-chair	Michelle Healey
Secretary	Ginger McGlamery
Parliamentarian	Marty Moody

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