

W. Franklin Street Lane Reallocation

The Town is continually seeking ways to improve Downtown and make it as welcoming and people-friendly as possible. Part of this effort includes examining our streets and looking for opportunities to make them safer and more accessible. NCDOT will be resurfacing West Franklin St. in summer 2020, providing an opportunity to implement a lane reallocation at a lower cost since they will do the pavement markings. The Town of Carrboro is also considering a lane reallocation for East Main St., which, if implemented, would provide an important connection.

Lane reallocations involve repurposing vehicle lanes for bike lanes, parking, loading zones, turn lanes or other amenities. They are relatively low cost ways to achieve safety, mobility, and access for all transportation modes. Many lane reallocation projects have resulted in significant increases in the number of pedestrians and bicyclists, more customers and higher sales revenue for local businesses, and decreases in speeding and crashes along the corridors.

The W. Franklin St. lane reallocation will add the following benefits:

- 0.57 miles of two way, buffered bike lanes
- Additional loading zones and on-street parking spaces
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings

Town staff have attended or hosted three public input sessions, reviewed plans with all relevant departments and received numerous emails and calls.



Church St. Intersection, Facing East (curb-side protected bike lane option)



Kenan St. Intersection, Facing East



Mallette St. Intersection, Facing West (bike rack option)



Mallette St. Intersection, Facing West (loading zone option)

