Carrboro Connects Projects by Chapter - Status Report

| Chapter | Progress Update |
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| Affordable Housing, Chapter 3 | Priority Projects Strategy 1.2A: Staff identifying gaps to creating pathways to homeownership for low-income and BIPOC residents Strategy 3.4: Assessment of Pathway Drive and Crest Street parcels underway for affordable housing development After report, project may need to hire an engagement facilitator and/or bring in a developer Strategy 4.5: Staff scoping out a \$500,000 ARPA-funded contract with Rebuilding the Triangle to provide weatherization to roughly 25 homes Strategy 6.2: Staff actively identifying federal funding opportunities for affordable housing development Other Comp Plan Projects 2.2B: Targeting projects for extremely low-income households in |
| | communication with AHF applicants 4.2: ARPA funding award to EMPOWERment to preserve 10 affordable units 5.1: Continued partnership with OCPEH and IFC; Reallocated ARPA funding to the Carrboro Financial Assistance program 6.1A,B: Staff monitoring property tax rates, increasing funding requests, and seeking additional grant funding Suggested Implementation Amendments Consider delaying projects 1.2A and 6.2 due to capacity, timing, and local market challenges |
| Climate and Environment, Chapter 4 | Priority Projects CA 1.2A: Launching the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund this spring CA 4.2D: Collaborating on Inflation Reduction Act grant for EV charging stations with local jurisdictions and Central Pines Regional Council CA 4.1B: Staff scoping a structure for a Rental Housing Task Force to address multifamily energy efficiencies |
| | Other Comp Plan Projects ENV 1.1C: Outreach and engagement events conducted and planned for Creek Week, Earth Day, Pollinator Week, etc. Chapter 10 - Municipal Operations 1.A,B: Fleet Study complete. Recommendations include purchasing the Town's first electric battery car and updating others to Hybrid models |
| | Suggested Implementation Amendments Expand priority project 4.1B to strategy 4.1 generally |
| Transportation and Mobility, Chapter 5 | Priority Projects 2.1A: MPO just finished regional transit service survey; Biannual survey currently being conducted to identify potential projects |

- 2.2G: Current call for projects through MPO; S. Greensboro sidewalk design underway
- Staff considering aligning sidewalks analysis with ADA Transition Plan
- 2.2k: Jones Ferry Road resurfacing to add westbound buffered bike lanes;
 Bundle of bike implementation projects submitted for funding; Design underway for rapid flashing beacons at Homestead/Claremont and McDougle
- 4.1E: Collaborating on Inflation Reduction Act grant for EV charging stations with local jurisdictions and Central Pines Regional Council
- 4.2: Parking Maximums Text Amendment

Other Comp Plan Projects

- 1.1A: Completion of Residential Traffic Calming REAL
- 2.1B: Awarded TDM grant and working with OC to create senior programming
- 2.2A: Complete Streets Text Amendment
- 2.2H: Awarded a grant to update SRTS grant that will include the addition of Morris Grove Elementary

GSI, Water and Energy, Chapter 6

Priority Projects

- WAT 2.1B: Stormwater management incentive program under implementation for income-eligible households
- Additional funding approved to hire for a new staff position focused on program admin and expansion
- GSI 4.1B: Staff conducted site assessments to create a master spreadsheet of retrofit tools, currently being published on webpage

Other Comp Plan Projects

- GSI 1.1 B,C; WAT 2.1D; WAT 2.1E: Recommendations integrated into ongoing operations.
- GSI 1.3A: Solar Arrays installed on Fire Station 1 and PW Buildings.
- WAT 2.1A,C: 319 Grant/Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance project (Bolin Forest) complete; Submitted Local Assistance for stormwater infrastructure improvements grants application.

Economic Sustainability, Chapter 7

Priority Projects

- 1.1: Revolving Loan Fund in implementation for small businesses with additional provisions for BIPOC-owners
- 1.2: Staff partnering with EmPOWERment to do cohort and pop-up training for BIPOC businesses
- 2.1: Authorized contract for Downtown Area Plan with stakeholder engagement to begin Spring/Summer 2024
- Parking enforcement, paid parking policy, and wayfinding recommendations presented to Council (February 2024)
- 203 Project scheduled to open Summer/Fall 2024
- 3.3: Staff working with Chapel Hill Tourism to design a brochure for Carrboro

| | Other Comp Plan Projects 3.2, 4.3: Staff exploring opportunities for "artisan production" and small industry development Suggested Implementation Amendments Narrow scope of priority projects to focus on specific goals, not overall strategies Consider revising "light manufacturing" language in Goal 1.1B |
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| Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Resources, Chapter 8 | Priority Projects 2.1B: Staff working with HOAs to identify private amenities and better understand the existing recreational infrastructure 2.3C: Staff working with C&E, Chapel Hill, and OC, to promote public park facilities with kickoff in April 2.5A: Ongoing improvements to greenways, trails, and open space 4.3A: Staff working with Arts Committee and Rec & Parks Commission to identify potential opportunities for installations ARPA funding secured to go to 1-2 murals |
| | Suggested Implementation Amendments Delay priority project 1.1B due to timing and funding Consider formal tools for Comp Plan project management Prioritize R&P Master Plan and ADA Transition Plan to be competitive for grants |
| Land Use, Chapter 9 | Priority Projects 2.1A: Authorized contract for Downtown Area Plan with stakeholder engagement to begin Spring/Summer 2024 Funding requested for second SAP in FY24-25 Budget 2.2,5.1: Staff integrating this into SAP and LUP Update projects 4.1: Staff scoping a procurement process for LUO Update; Funding request in FY24-25 Budget 5.2: Staff creating a nested survey to refine development approval process |
| | Other Comp Plan Projects 2.2B, 2.4: Staff began a geospatial inventory of uses and parcels for a transit-oriented overlay district 3.1F: Urban tree cover incorporated into Downtown Area Plan scope and LUO admin 6.2C: S. Greensboro sidewalk connects to FPG and Carrboro High 8.1A: Authorized contract for Downtown Area Plan, which incorporates the Jones Ferry corridor growth area |