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Mayor and Town Council

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Subject: Consideration of Transportation Projects for FY 2028 Regional Flexible Funding

The Triangle West Transportation Planning Organization (TWTPO) provides its member agencies with the opportunity to receive federal funding through its Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) pool to design and construct transportation infrastructure projects. Final applications for RFF funds through fiscal year 2028 will be due on January 30, 2026.

Regional Flexible Funding

The RFF pool of money consists of money from the following federal funding sources: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA), and Transportation Alternatives Program Direct Attributable (TAPDA). The process for selecting RFF projects is based on TWTPO's Federal Funding Policy and a scoring rubric that selects the best matches for the funding. Each municipal and county government in the TWTPO region has a cap on projects allowed in the Locally Administered Projects (LAP) program. Carrboro's cap is set at 10, and the Town currently has 8 listed LAPs:

1. Bike Plan Projects: Shelton St Sidepath, Maple Ave Contraflow Bike Lane, E Poplar Ave Pedestrian Path.
2. Bolin Creek Greenway Phase 2 (funded for design only)
3. Jones Creek Greenway
4. South Greensboro St Sidewalk
5. Jones Ferry Rd Sidewalk
6. Estes Dr Bike/Ped Improvements
7. Barnes St Sidewalk
8. Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 1

Project Evaluation

The following projects have been submitted to NCDOT for consideration in SPOT 8.0: Bolin Creek Phase 2 (for ROW, utilities, and construction), Bolin Creek Phases 3 & 4, Morgan Creek Greenway Phase 2, Old NC 86 Bike/Ped Improvements, Seawell School Road Sidepath, and NC 54 Sidepath. It is likely that if any of these projects are funded via SPOT, they would have a timeline beyond the



current call for RFF. Staff has also been instructed by TWTPo to not “double dip” with funding sources, meaning applying for multiple sources of funding for the same project work.

After consulting with the project engineer and considering the anticipated timeline for when the project will be ready for construction, staff recommend submitting a request for \$750,000 of additional funding for the South Greensboro Street Sidewalk. The current project budget for the sidewalk is approximately \$3,000,000 with approximately \$2,400,000 earmarked for construction. The additional funds will provide a 30-percent construction contingency, the amount that TWTPo recommends for projects that are not quite finished with design.

Of note, several Town projects have been allocated Orange County Transit Tax funds as they are linked with public transit access. These include the Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 1, the South Greensboro Street Sidewalk and the Estes Drive Bike/Ped improvements. Transit funds can be used toward the 80-percent local match for federal funding.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Town submit to Triangle West TPO the following projects for Regional Flexible Funds:

- **South Greensboro Street Sidewalk** - \$750,000 in supplemental funding in FY 28 to complete project.