



Race and Equity Pocket Questions

Title: Consideration of Transportation Projects for Regional Flexible Funding FY28

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with additional information about the call for projects for Regional Flexible Funding, for which the Town of Carrboro is requesting additional funds for the South Greensboro Street sidewalk.

Department: Planning

1. **What are the root causes of inequity in Carrboro and/or overall as it pertains to this subject area?**

At a structural level:

- Personal experiences with government can contribute to reticence by historically marginalized people to participate or collaborate with their local government.
- Working individuals and families may find it difficult to learn about transportation projects and/or to attend meetings when transportation projects are being discussed.

S. Greensboro Sidewalk

- BIPOC community members may be more likely to face barriers to accessing reliable transportation and live in communities with limited access to bike-ped facilities for recreation.

2. **Who is experiencing community burden now? Who will experience community burden if this action is passed? Will others experience community burden if this action is NOT passed?**

- Pedestrians at South Green and at the southern end of Downtown (near the Drakeford) either have to take an alternate pedestrian route (Roberson Bike Path) or walk in the right-of way to move between the two commercial areas
- Drivers will likely experience delays accessing South Greensboro Street during construction to get to and from the downtown area and may occasionally need to use detours to reach their destinations
- Landowners along the west side of the street may lose some of their road frontage to temporary or permanent easements to provide space to construct the sidewalk and/or associated stormwater features.
- Residents along the corridor may experience additional pedestrians walking in front of their homes.
- Cyclists will still need to walk their bikes up/down the hill on the sidewalk or use one of the alternative routes—Old Pittsboro Road or Purple Leaf/the Roberson Bike Path.



3. **Who is experiencing community benefit now? Who will experience community benefit if this action is passed? Will others experience community benefit if this action is NOT passed?**
 - Landowners along the west side of the street currently have relatively unfettered access to road frontage, and don't currently expect much pedestrian traffic on South Greensboro Street.
 - Once completed, the sidewalk will connect the neighborhoods along Smith Level Road to downtown Carrboro, including the Drakeford Library Complex.
 - It will complete a significant segment of pedestrian infrastructure along a main north-south corridor in Carrboro, connecting West Braxton Foushee Street to Carrboro High School.
 - Over time, the sidewalk will provide a connection to the Morgan Creek Greenway in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, particularly for households in the QCT, of which more than 15% have no access to a car.
4. **What might be the unintended consequences of this action or strategy?**
 - Transportation infrastructure projects can benefit or harm land values and quality of life experiences for surrounding property owners and occupants
 - As noted above, some property owners along the
 - corridor may lose some of their frontage along the corridor and/or experience a loss of privacy from increased pedestrian traffic.
5. **What steps has your department taken to mitigate any burdens, inequities, and unintended consequences? What strategies might your department take to address these in the future? NOTE: This does not reflect a formal commitment by the Town of Carrboro.**
 - The completion of this project should be of great benefit to Town residents and provide a much safer way to walk or roll along South Greensboro Street
 - Public outreach before and during the construction process will be an important part of keeping residents apprised of the project and when noise is anticipated/traffic impacts are expected
 - Continued updating of the project page on the Town's website, and continued work to report out on project status and progress through a variety of reporting tools