

The Town of Carrboro

The 203 Project

June 15<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing Comments and responses (responses in bold and italics):

1. Should the Town set a maximum project cost, above which a decision to adjust scope or schedule would be made? ***More accurate project costs are currently in the works, the bid package will be structured so that bid items can be added or removed as budgeting allows. Many of the alternates can be added in with future CIP scheduling.***
2. What are ways for the Town to be prepared to deal with cost overruns, such as adjustments to CIP scheduling of other items, use of ARPA funding, increase in debt period, seeking climate action and other funding? ***See response to number one above.***
3. Solar arrays should be included in the project, not identified as additional/alternate items. ***It may be less costly and advantageous to install the solar arrays with a separate contract. The solar arrays are listed as an alternate to give the Town flexibility with procurement. All rough-in work to install the solar arrays is included in the base bid.***
4. See if the bike lane along the S. Greensboro Street frontage can be retained, rather than a lane with sharrow. ***This has been studied by Town Staff and it has been determined that a bike lane is not recommended for this location due to the short distance and lack of other bike lanes. It is a safety concern for bike lanes to start and stop in short spans as this forces the cyclist into and out of vehicular traffic.***
5. Make sure there is enough parking in the downtown for businesses. ***Arrangements are ongoing to provide for additional parking for public use in the downtown.***
6. Minimize/mitigate construction impacts so they are least detrimental to business operations. ***Staff and the Construction Manager are currently working on a construction management plan and will soon be scheduling a public meeting with affected residents and businesses.***
7. Be sure it is safe for bikes to travel on the ramps in the parking deck. ***Staff and the engineers are currently working on ways to improve bike safety in the parking deck. Bikes can access upper levels of the parking deck through the elevator.***
8. Check distance between inverted 'U' bike racks and try to get to Association of Pedestrian and Bicyclist Professionals (APBP) recommended spacing of 3.5 to 4 feet between each rack. ***Bike rack spacing will be 3.5 feet.***