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DEPARTMENT: Planning, Public Works

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INFORMATION: The following detailed reports have been included in this agenda item:

Laurel Ave Parking Status Report

Planning staff have worked to respond to resident concerns related to spillover parking from the Saturday Morning Farmer’s Market. Currently, Recreation & Parks staff have taken over responsibility for coordinating with the Farmer’s Market to ensure “No Parking” signs are placed on Laurel Ave on Saturday Morning. The detailed report can be found as Attachment B.

Traffic Calming on Starlite Drive and Plantation Acres

Planning staff held in-person public input sessions for both Starlite Drive and Plantation Acres in March 2020 (prior to COVID-19 restrictions). Work has progressed over the summer to develop concept plans and return to the community for feedback. The initial plan was to hold these feedback meetings in person, but staff are working to develop methods to garner feedback in a safe manner. A detailed report can be found as Attachment C.

Bikeshare Pilot Program Summary

Planning staff have coordinated with staff from the Town of Chapel Hill, and UNC Parking & Transportation, and Gotcha (UNC’s current bike share provider) to develop a framework for a pilot program. These are the result of several months of ongoing conversation, and do not represent a finalized structure. Staff are looking for feedback from Council to ensure these conversations are headed in the right direction. Amendments to the Town Code will be needed to properly regulate such a system, include new definitions, restrictions on operating space, and enabling sidewalk sales. A detailed overview of the specifications of the potential program and necessitated Town Code amendments can be found as Attachment D.

Gravel Roads Speed Limit Report

In the fall of 2019, staff responded to a request to change the speed limit on Laughing Bird Lane, an unpaved street. The Council has directed staff to consider changes to other unpaved streets in Town, and staff have reviewed state level statutes setting speed limits and EPA guidance on dust generation to recommend speed limits for gravel roads in Town. A detailed report can be found as Attachment E

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There is no impact associated with receiving the update. The impacts associated with the individual items reported are described in the table below:

Project Name	Staff Impact	Fiscal Impact
Laurel Ave Parking	Continued staff time	None
Starlite Drive	Staff time to facilitate next round of public engagement	Estimated ~\$6,000 to install identified traffic calming measures
Plantation Acres	Staff time to facilitate next round of public engagement and develop concept plan	Cost for traffic calming installation not yet estimated
Bike Share	Staff time to review and finalize contract, permits for station locations	No cost for implementing system, cost associated with developing & administering a cash payment system so people without a credit card, bank account, or smartphone can access the system.
Gravel Roads Speed Limit	Staff time to perform public outreach to determine resident preference for speed, installation of signs, enforcement	Material costs associated with fabricating new signs

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that council consider the resolution (Attachment A) to receive the updates and provide comments.