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TITLE:

Consideration of Transportation Projects for the P5.0 Prioritization Process and STBGP-DA Funding

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider projects for submittal to the P5.0 Prioritization Process and for approximately \$277,386 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Direct Attributable Funds (STBGP-DA)

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INFORMATION: The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO) sends out calls for transportation projects in accordance with the schedule for the funding source. Member jurisdictions are currently being asked to submit projects for the development of the next State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and for the use of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program-Direct Attributable Funds (STBGP-DA), formerly known as Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable Funds or STP-DA.

Prioritization Process 5.0

Projects are selected for the STIP through a prioritization process administered by the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) and referenced by a sequential number (such as 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, etc.). The draft FY 2018-2027 STIP developed from the P4.0 process was released in December 2016. Projects were grouped into three categories: committed, carryover, and holding tank. Only the committed projects are programmed. Carryover projects are automatically resubmitted for P5.0; holding tank projects must be resubmitted to be considered.

A more detailed discussion of the prioritization process and information relating to proposed projects is provided in a staff memo (Attachment C). Staff recommends resubmitting the three bike-ped projects that were placed in the holding tank along with the two new projects: the intersection improvement at West Main Street and James Street, and the superstreet project for the segment of NC 54 between West Main Street and Old Fayetteville Road. Staff will continue to work with NCDOT to determine the scope for these projects and to explore options for combining the projects for enhanced results.

Key Dates for P5.0

April 17, 2017 - Local jurisdiction staff submits new projects to MPO staff for consideration **June 14, 2017** - MPO Board reviews and approves new projects to be submitted for P5.0

July-September 2017 - MPO staff submit new P5.0 projects to NCDOT

February 2018 - MPO Board releases draft Local Input Point Assignment Methodology for public comment

March 2018 - MPO Board holds public hearing and approves Local Input Point Assignment Methodology

March 2018 - Results of NCDOT P5.0 scoring process for Statewide, Regional, and Division projects are

released

June 2018 - MPO Board approves assignment of local points to Regional Impact projects · **October 2018** - MPO Board approves assignment of local points to Division Needs projects · **January 2019** - NCDOT releases draft FY2020-29 STIP

STBGP-DA funds for FY2017-2018

The DCHC-MPO has also sent out a call for projects for STBGP-DA funds. Carrboro has an allocation of \$277,386 federal funds for which a 20-percent local match of \$69,346.50 is required. Staff recommends allocating this funding, totally \$346,732.50, to the South Greensboro Street sidewalk project.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Future fiscal impacts are dependent on the selection of projects during the P5.0 process. If all three of the bike-ped projects in the holding tank are selected for funding the total project costs, including design and construction, would be \$6,879,014, and the local match would be \$1,375,802. The local match for the STBGP-DA funds is \$69,346.50. Staff time would also be needed for project management. All projects selected for funding would come before the Board for final approval and appropriate of the required matching funds prior to contract execution and design.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Board review the transportation projects described and identify projects for consideration for Prioritization 5.0 (Attachment A) and for the use of STBGP-DA funds (Attachment B).