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TITLE:

Update on Transportation Projects for SPOT 6.0 Prioritization Process

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Council with an update on the status of Town transportation projects anticipated to be included in the DCHC MPO's formal submittal to NCDOT for consideration in the 2023-2032 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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INFORMATION: This agenda item provides a third update on the status of Town transportation projects for consideration in the strategic prioritization process for SPOT 6.0 (P6.0), the process for developing the 2023-2032 STIP: (Agenda materials from the previous meetings, February 19, 2019 and September 24, 2019, may be found at the following links: February 19th <https://carrboro.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=679784&GUID=7D469578-03C6-4BC6-A6F7-DA8A23CD41D9&Options=&Search=>>) and September 24th <https://carrboro.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=722052&GUID=E827F3B2-A773-43E1-8515-6F20149E1F0B&Options=&Search=>>).

Projects that have been discussed at previous meetings include:

- A sidepath, or bike lanes and a sidewalk along one side of Seawell School Road (bike-ped project)
- Bike lanes on Old NC 86 from Farm House Road to Calvander (bike-ped project); or
- Modernization of Old NC 86 from Farm House Road to Calvander and intersection improvements at Calvander for improved multimodal travel (highway project)
- Intersection improvements at NC 54 and Old Fayetteville Road (highway project)

As discussions with NCDOT and the MPO are ongoing, staff will provide information at the meeting regarding each project and seek guidance from the Council to determine which projects the Town will continue to request in the P6.0 process at an upcoming staff subcommittee meeting (Attachment A). As a reminder, bike-ped projects require a 20-percent local match and local project management. Highway projects are fully funded and managed by NCDOT.

An updated calendar for the DCHC MPO's review and formal submittal of projects for the SPOT 6.0 prioritization process is provided (Attachment B), a continuation of the December subcommittee meeting is scheduled for later this month.

Information about the Strategic Transportation Investment Law (STI) prioritization process and the development of the 2020-2029 STIP may be found at:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Pages/about.aspx>.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Future fiscal impacts are dependent on the results of the prioritization process and inclusion in the 2023-2032 STIP. Based on the most recent cost estimates, if the two bike-ped projects (i.e. bike lanes from Farmhouse Road to Calvander and one of the Seawell School Road options) were to be programmed, the combined project costs would be approximately \$5,414,690 and the local match would be \$1,082,938. Some of the local match could be subject to cost sharing with our neighboring jurisdictions, the Town of Chapel Hill and Orange County. Staff time would also be needed for project management. All projects selected for funding would come before the Council for final approval and appropriation of required matching funds prior to contract execution and design.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board receive the update and reaffirm the Town's interest in these projects and provide any additional direction as desired.