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TITLE:

Consideration of local transit capital projects for the Orange County Transit Plan Update

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Council the feedback received from Advisory Boards on the potential transit capital projects to seek funding in the Orange County Transit Plan Update, and for them to consider approving them for further consideration in that plan.

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INFORMATION: Staff presented preliminary information about potential transit capital projects (Sidewalks or Greenways that would support transit use) that could be considered for funding under the Orange County Transit Plan Update on December 1st, 2020. That agenda can be viewed at: <https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4705261&GUID=DA377DBE-F03D-4D3A-BBE1-79A9DBB06859>

On January 7th, staff presented information on these potential projects to the Planning Board, Transportation Advisory Board, and Environmental Advisory Board.

Advisory boards supported the proposed projects, and recommended the Town ensure that equity and environmental impacts were considered in the planning and design processes. The new projects that could be considered for funding include:

- Baldwin Park Connector (greenway) - Provide direct connectivity from Lloyd-Broad to CHT A route and Northside Elementary
- BPW Club Road Sidewalks -Ensure bus stops are accessible by providing connectivity to existing sidewalk system where there currently is none.
- 203 Project Connector (shared use path) - Create a designated pedestrian route from bus stops on E Main St to the 203 Project site

More information about these projects including accessibility metrics, demographics, cost estimates, and opportunities/challenges can be found in the staff memo (Attachment B).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There is no impact associated with approving these projects. As these projects develop, staff will bring back financial information at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend Council consider the resolution (Attachment A), approving

the new projects for consideration for transit plan funding under the Orange County Transit Plan Update and directing staff to coordinate with the team developing the update to work towards incorporating these projects, where/when applicable.