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TITLE:

Public Hearing for South Greensboro Street Sidewalk (TIP# C-5650) 65-Percent Design

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the status of the South Greensboro Street Sidewalk project at 65-percent design and to receive comments from the Council and members of the public.

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INFORMATION: This item provides the Town Council with an update on the South Greensboro Street sidewalk project, now at 65-percent design, and an opportunity to receive public input. The project includes the design and construction of a sidewalk along the west side of South Greensboro Street from the north end of Old Pittsboro Road to Public Works Drive. Crosswalks at the north end of the corridor and the south end, by the roundabout, are proposed as well as improvements to the bus stop by the Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park. A capacity analysis of the southern segment of the corridor from the south side of the roundabout at South Green to the Smith Level Road bridge is also underway to determine the feasibility of lane width reductions to allow for the installation of bike lanes. Staff is working closely with the consultant team and NCDOT to address the interface of existing driveways with the new sidewalk and the preservation of existing trees and/or planting of new trees to the extent allowed by NCDOT.

Two public meetings were held virtually in January for input and comments at approximately 30-percent design, and an informal drop-in session was held on June 22nd at 5:00 pm to review the design a 65-percent. Property owners and residents living along the corridor have received mailed notice of the public meetings with contact information for providing direct comments to staff. Two project updates have been provided to the Town Council: the first on January 21, 2020 and the second on November 17 2021.

A project map and current plan set have been provided (Attachment B and Attachment C). Information relating to the anticipated schedule for completion will be provided at the hearing. Transportation projects typically include check-in points at key intervals in the design process-usually 30 percent and 60/65 percent completion. At 65 percent completion, the consultants begin to shift their focus to preparing for permit approvals from appropriate state and federal agencies.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There are no fiscal impacts are associated with receiving the update, but costs will be associated with the selection of a preferred alignment the project.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council receive the presentation from Ramey Kemp Associates, offer feedback and receive public comment to help inform the design for the South Greensboro Street Sidewalk.