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TITLE:

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status Report

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with an update on the status of the recently adopted Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042.

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INFORMATION: On June 7, 2022, the Carrboro Town Council adopted Carrboro Connects Comprehensive Plan 2022-2042 (“Carrboro Connects”) and concluded an approximately two-year planning process of community engagement with thousands of residents and business members.

The plan has been the focus of some recognition, including an NC3C Excellence in Communications Award and the American Planning Association-North Carolina Chapter (APA-NC) First Place Award for Citizen Participation Marvin Collins Award for Comprehensive Plan.

Carrboro Connects is a complete policy document that describes the type of community that Carrboro wants to be in the future with an implementation schedule to achieve that vision. Built on a long history of the Town’s values for community building, economic sustainability, and environmental stewardship, the plan also forged new territory in its explicit and extensive foundational commitment to advancing racial equity.

Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) principles were used and embedded in each step of the Carrboro Connects planning process, and the Town’s adopted One Orange Racial Equity Framework as well as the One Orange Racial Equity Assessment Lens (REAL) are integral to implementing the goals, strategies, and projects identified in this plan. Racial equity analyses will be completed in relation to all plan implementation.

Since plan adoption, initial steps have focused on establishing systems that will support successful implementation and will allow clear communication on actions and progress. These steps have included preparation for migration of the Carrboro Connects website to the Town website, work on the Executive Summary, to be published in English and Spanish, and developing a method for identifying/classifying all agenda items with linkages to Carrboro

Connects implementation.

Priority Projects - Years 1-5

Attachment A presents the 35 projects and/or strategies that were identified as Priority Projects for the first five years of implementation.

This summary table includes information from the two parts of Chapter 11, the Priority Projects (descriptions and time frames, with outcomes highlighted) and Implementation Table (Cross-cutting themes). The table includes a short title and expected outcomes, current status and a map of expected milestones for projects' progress through 2026. More detailed information on many projects, associated staffing commitments, and resources will be reported on in the agenda items and other work products related to particular initiatives, budgeting, or both.

The staff presentation will also provide an update on reports to Council and/or engagement with advisory boards on various chapter elements/initiatives coming up in FY23 and expected for FY24, based on the plan's projected schedule for completion of the priority projects.

The Town Council is scheduled to conduct a strategic planning retreat on January 21, 2023 to discuss prioritization and continued scheduling of the plan initiatives.

The next report on overall progress of plan implementation is anticipated for June 2023.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There are no fiscal or staff impacts associated with the Town Council's receipt of this status report.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Town Council receive the report.