

Legislation Text

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancements as Part of the I-485 Project

Action:

Approve a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,094,790 for bicycle and pedestrian enhancements as part of the I-485 Project.

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Explanation

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) initiated a design-build project consisting of express lanes on I-485, from I-77 to US 74 (Independence Boulevard), including construction of the I-485/Weddington Road Interchange and the I-485/East John Street/Old Monroe Road Interchange.
- The I-485 project will require a number of bridges and cross-streets to be reconfigured. This also provides NCDOT and the City with an opportunity to partner to improve bicycle and pedestrian conditions in this area.
- NCDOT requires cities to fund half the cost of a five foot sidewalk width and the full cost of any width of sidewalk beyond five feet wide. These funds are considered "betterments" as part of the highway/major street upgrade.
- The City requested project betterments to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity to following bridges and their approaches (Council Districts 3 and 7):
 - Ballantyne Commons Parkway Bridge,
 - Elm Lane Bridge, and
 - Weddington Road Bridge.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.
- Total estimated project cost is \$289,500,000.

Fiscal Note

Funding: General Community Investment Plan funding for this project is \$1,094,790

Attachment(s)

Map
Resolution