



Legislation Text

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Municipal Agreement for the Rea Road Widening Project from I-485 Outer Loop to Williams Pond Lane

Action:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to accept I-485 Express Lane Bonus Allocation funds in the amount of \$6,673,940 for the Rea Road Widening project from I-485 Outer Loop to Williams Pond Lane, and**
- B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$6,673,940 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to the General Capital Projects Fund.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The State of North Carolina provides Bonus Allocation funds for projects in counties that implement high-occupancy managed lane projects. Bonus Allocation funding is intended to mitigate congestion.
- These funds are allocated directly to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). The local MPO, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, selects projects based on a competitive process.
- This project will widen and increase capacity along Rea Road from I-485 Outer Loop Ramp to Williams Pond Lane in Council District 7 by:
 - Adding additional through traffic lanes on 0.47 miles of Rea Road by reducing the center grass median, and
 - Adding additional left and right turn lanes at Piper Station and at Ballantyne Commons Parkway to increase turning capacity, and
 - Upgrading accessible ramps and pedestrian traffic signals to current standards.
- The total budget for the Rea Road Widening project from I-485 Outer Loop to Williams Pond Lane is \$13,973,940 and includes:
 - \$6,673,940 in I-485 Express Lane Bonus Allocation funds from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and
 - \$7,300,000 in local funds from the 2022 Transportation Bonds.
- Rea Road is state maintained. The state will continue to maintain the improvements constructed under this project.
- This format is consistent with past Municipal Agreements between the city and NCDOT.
- Project construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a Municipal Agreement contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: NCDOT I-485 Express Lane Bonus Allocation Funding and General Capital Investment Plan

Attachment(s)

Map
Resolution
Budget Ordinance