



July 2, 2010

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Rashad M. Young, City Manager *DMY*
SUBJECT: Items for Your Information

Contact Center Feedback

Attached is the weekly report generated by our Contact Center for the week of 6/21/10 – 6/27/10.

Legislative Agenda Update

Attached is a memorandum dated July 2, 2010 from Thomas D. Carruthers, Associate Attorney, providing a status update on the legislative agenda during week seven and eight of the General Assembly session.

Construction Delays Cause Re-Schedule of McGirt-Horton Library Grand Opening

Due to delays in construction, the formal Grand Opening of the new McGirt-Horton Branch Library will now be held on Thursday, August 26 at 5 pm. If Council Members wish to participate in the opening ceremony and have not already been in contact with Library Director Sandy Neerman, please call her by Friday, July 23. McGirt-Horton Branch Library is located at 2509 Phillips Avenue.

Voters approved \$8.6 million in 2006 to improve three Greensboro Public Libraries. The renovated Benjamin Branch Library opened on January 7, 2010. The new facility for the McGirt-Horton Branch Library will be the second of those projects to be completed. Design work for the third project, the Lake Jeanette Branch Library, will begin soon.

Conflict of Interest Policy

At the June 15, 2010 Council meeting, Council passed a new City policy on Conflict of Interest. Attached is the policy for your records.

Towing for Outstanding Parking Tickets

Attached is a memorandum from Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation, dated June 29, 2010 regarding the City ordinance for towing / booting on outstanding parking tickets.

Street Connectivity Policy

At the June 15, 2010 Council meeting, Council requested a report on the process when adjacent neighborhoods oppose a connectivity proposal and also the current appeal process for connectivity matters. Attached is a memorandum from Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation, dated June 29, 2010 describing the policy and process used related to street connectivity issues and includes a copy of the policy.

Update on White Street Landfill, Phase II Construction and Demolition Unit

On Friday, June 25, 2010, the City of Greensboro's Environmental Services Department received notification from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) requesting a plan of action regarding partial closure of the Phase II construction and demolition unit at the White Street Landfill. Attached is the notification from NCDENR. Per this notification, the City is required to submit a schedule in order to address partial closure of any area at final grade and/or within fifteen (15±) feet of final grade to NCDENR by August 15, 2010. This schedule will document the City's plan to implement partial closure of the Phase II construction and demolition unit.

On March 1, 2010, the City of Greensboro was in receipt of nine responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for solid waste disposal options. The original evaluation schedule for the proposals was 120 days. By RFP addendum, the City has requested an additional 120 days extension in the evaluation process. Each responder has agreed to the City's request and the engineering consultants, HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas, are evaluating each proposal. Information related to the RFP solicitation and responses is posted on the Environmental Services Department webpage at www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/enviromental.

On August 24, 2010, the City Council will be briefed on the evaluation of the solid waste disposal options as well as financing options related to the landfill closure activities.

Tiger II Grant Application

Attached is a memorandum from Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation, dated June 29, 2010 regarding the Federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) Discretionary Grant that the City is applying for to fund portions of the Downtown Greenway project.

**Public Affairs Department Contact Center Weekly Report
Week of 6/21/10 - 6/27/10**

Contact Center

4969 calls answered this week

Top 5 calls by area

<u>Water Resources</u>	<u>Field Operations</u>	<u>All others</u>
Balance Inquiry – 1107	Bulk Guidelines – 85	Police/Watch Operations – 337
New Signup – 189	Appliance Pickup – 67	Landfill/Transfer/HHW – 112
General Info. – 152	Repair/Garbage Can – 53	Courts/Sheriff – 87
Cutoff – 129	No Service/Garbage – 43	Police Records – 57
Signups/Owners – 126	Dead Animal – 39	911/Non-emergency – 34

Comments

We received a total of 6 comments this week:

Field Operations – 3 comments

- Caller wanted to say how amazed she is at the level of service she receives from the yard waste, bulk crews and the Contact Center. She is positively delighted by the crew's politeness and hard work. She is doubly amazed after she sees what people put out and expect them to pick up. She used to be sort of impressed by the Republic Waste crew before she was annexed, but now she couldn't be happier.
- Customer called to say thank you to the crew that mowed Halifax St. on Wednesday. She said they did a wonderful job.
- Customer is 70 years old and appreciates the excellent job the yard waste crew does. They pick up branches that she puts at the curb even when they are longer than required, but she is unable to cut smaller.

GDOT – 2 comments

- Voicemail left over the weekend regarding the speed cushions on Frazier Rd. These are favorable and the caller would like them in her neighborhood.
- Test speed bumps on Frazier Rd.: This whole project is a total waste of time. I can't see a purpose in it, other than wasting people's time and money on this stop and go...everyone is stopping at those stupid things. You get up to 20 mph going over these things, and then you can go faster by the school at 25 mph! Does that make sense? This is a waste of taxpayer money.

Public Affairs – 1 comment

- I think it would be neat if the Contact Center could accept and send texts with information to citizens. You can send texts for free from special websites online. Could be a unique City service that we could provide. I bet Charlotte does not do that yet!

Overall

Calls for the Police Department increased last week. Otherwise, we received the normal mix of calls with call volume remaining steady through the end of the week.



DATE: June 25, 2010

TO: Rashad A. Young, City Manager

FROM: Thomas D. Carruthers, Assistant City Attorney

SUBJECT: Weeks Seven and Eight of the Short Session

The central focus this week in the General Assembly was the budget. The reconciliation bill passed the General Assembly and was signed by the Governor. The \$19 billion dollar budget did not decrease any revenues for municipalities, and included were two local agenda items. The NC A&T/UNC-G Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering received a \$1 million dollar yearly increase in funding. The funds will be used to hire 4 additional faculty, 1 technician, 2 post doc positions, 1 staff scientist, and 15 additional graduate student positions. There has been \$3.9 million appropriated to-date for the operating budget for this program. The funding for the North Carolina A&T State University's College of Engineering was increased by \$1 million as well. The funds will enable the school to hire 6 additional faculty, 2 lab technicians, an industrial extension officer, and a research associate. The budget also contained additional funding for the renovation of Barnes and Cherry Hall at A&T and an additional classroom for UNCG. The proposed tunnel under the rail line to link UNCG to the Lee Street Corridor was also funded. In addition the revenue collection from local occupancy tax will be strengthened by requiring online purchasers to pay this tax as well.

The budget bill also included funding for a Joint Committee to study public/private partnerships for installation of the "last mile" high speed networks to homes and businesses in the state. S1209 Municipal Broadband Moratorium, which passed the Senate, has stalled in the House and is not expected to be adopted.

HB80 Internet Sweepstakes passed the Senate last week and is now in the House Judiciary Committee. It is expected to pass the House next week and ban internet sweepstakes on December 1, 2010. The UNC School of Government has given an opinion that the expected ban of these businesses will not require municipalities to refund any collected privilege license taxes.

The final version of H1717, Modernization of the State ABC system has left committee. The local legislative agenda goals were met with protection of the current local control system. In addition Greensboro protected its previous local legislation that allows the Greensboro Police Department to

utilize as many of its officers as are necessary to enforce alcohol regulations. The current bill placed an arbitrary five officer cap. During the committee meeting it was confirmed that Greensboro also has the right to raise the number of the current board to seven persons. Attempts by the League and the City to give the City the right to appeal adverse alcohol permit decisions, in favor of particular businesses, was defeated.

The City of Greensboro had a significant piece of its legislature program for 2010 move forward. Senator Don Vaughan was able to work out a compromise with the Wildlife Commission regarding beaver removal under S1345, Greensboro/Relocation of Wildlife. Under the legislation a program will be established in Greensboro allowing beavers taken along Buffalo Creek to be relocated with the consent of the new habitat's landowner. The bill applies only to depredation permits issued to Greensboro. There is an expiration date of July 1, 2011 for the program. The situation will then be reanalyzed. The bill passed the Senate and has been referred to the House.

S1361 High Point/Greensboro Boundary Swap left the House Local Government Committee and is expected to move through the House and Senate next week.

There was great news for the animal world with the signing of Susie's Law by Governor Perdue. Members of the Greensboro delegation have worked very hard on this bill making it a felony to maliciously harm an animal. Susie herself came with her foster parents for the signing. The legislation has not only Governor Perdue's signature, but also Susie's paw print.

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cc: Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Number: B-22
Revision: 0
Effective Date: 6-15-10

1.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Greensboro to prohibit its officers, employees, or agents from participating in the selection, award, or administration of any contract where a conflict of interest is involved or may exist, whether real or apparent.

2.0 PURPOSE

It is essential for the City of Greensboro's officers, employees, and agents to remain free from all conflicts of interest, whether real or apparent, in order for the City to maintain the public trust of its citizens. Additionally, Section 4.131 of the City Charter and North Carolina State law prohibits City officers, employees and agents from voting upon or otherwise participating in the selection, award, or administration of contracts in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest.

As a condition of receiving federal and state grant funds, the City is required to have a Conflict of Interest policy that specifies certain conditions that necessitates a finding that a conflict of interest exists. This policy addresses these concerns and complies with all applicable federal and state conflict of interest laws.

3.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all City officers, employees, or agents as well as sub-grantees or sub-recipients of any federal or state funds received from the City. No officer, employee or agent of the City, and no sub-grantee or sub-recipient of any federal or state funds from the City shall participate in the selection or in the award or administration of a contract supported by federal, state, or city funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict of interest would arise when any of the following persons or entities has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:

- (i) The employee, officer, agent
- (ii) Any member of his immediate family,
- (iii) His or her partner, or
- (iv) An organization which employs, or is about to employ, anyone listed in (i) through (iii) above.

The grantee's or subgrantee's officers, employees or agents will not solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements except as may be allowed in the City's Gift Policy, B-20.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

4.1 Officer - An individual who is elected to or appointed to serve or represent the City of Greensboro, other than an employee or independent contractor of the City.

4.2 Employee - Those individuals who are employed at will by the City of Greensboro for remuneration, whether full time or part time, benefited or non-benefited, and are charged with implementing City policies and City Council goals and objectives.

4.3 Agent - Those individuals or companies who are authorized to act on behalf of the City and who provide services or products, whether contractual or not.

5.0 ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

5.1 In order for the City to maintain the public trust of the citizens it serves, it is essential for the officers, employees, and agents of the City of Greensboro to remain free from all conflicts of interest, whether real or apparent.

6.0 PROCEDURES

6.1 If any officer, employee, or agent of the City has a potential conflict of interest in the selection, award, or administration of any contract supported by federal, state, or city funds in violation of this policy or has knowledge that another officer, employee, or agent of the City has a potential conflict of interest in the selection, award, or administration of any contract supported by federal, state, or city funds in violation of this policy, that person is required to report to their immediate supervisor or other management official in their reporting relationship all of the facts and circumstances concerning the conflict in as much detail as possible. This report should identify (i) the party or parties involved, (ii) the contract involved (iii) the nature of the conflict, and (iv) any other relevant facts and circumstances concerning the conflict.

If any officer, employee, or agent of a sub-grantee or sub-recipient of any federal, state, or city funds has a potential conflict of interest in the selection, award, or administration of any contract supported by federal, state, or city funds in violation of this policy or has knowledge that another officer, employee, or agent of a sub-grantee or sub-recipient of any federal, state, or city funds has a potential conflict of interest in the selection, award, or administration of any contract supported by federal, state, or city funds in violation of this policy, that person is required to report to their immediate supervisor or other management official in their reporting relationship and the City's contact person for that particular grant all of the facts and circumstances concerning the conflict in as much detail as possible. This report should identify (i) the party or parties involved, (ii) the contract involved, (iii) the nature of the conflict, and (iv) any other relevant facts and circumstances concerning the conflict.

6.2 Any management official who receives information related to a potential conflict of interest as described in Section 6.1 above shall promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigate the complaint. The management official shall consult with the Human Resources

Department to determine whether a conflict of interest exists in the particular situation, how to respond to the situation, and whether any disciplinary action is indicated.

6.3 Any violation of this policy will subject the officer, employee, or agent to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment and may also subject the offender to criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties under North Carolina State law and federal law.

6.4 It is the responsibility of each employee to be aware of and adhere to the tenants of this Conflict of Interest policy. City officers, employees, and agents are also responsible for ensuring their subordinates remain abreast of this policy in all dealings they might be involved with as it pertains to the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal, state, or City funds.

7.0 HUMAN RESOURCES CONTACT

Human Resources Director

8.0 APPENDIX and APPENDICES

None

Department of Transportation
City of Greensboro



June 29, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation
SUBJECT: Towing for Outstanding Parking Tickets

This past weekend the Greensboro News and Record ran a story discussing outstanding City receivables, but did not fully explain some of the limitations placed on the City when towing for parking related delinquencies. On November 5, 2007 the City of Greensboro City Council adopted changes to Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances regarding towing and/or booting of any vehicle which is illegally parked, and for which there are three or more outstanding, unpaid and overdue parking tickets for a period of 90 days. Although this ordinance has been used more than 60 times in the past 6 months to impound vehicles and collect more than \$20,000 in past due and delinquent parking violations, there are several areas that limit the effectiveness of the Ordinance as a collection tool.

The first limitation is that the City ordinance is authorized under the North Carolina General Assembly Session Law 2003-240, which limits the use of wheel locks or towing to illegally parked vehicles. The City is unable to boot or tow vehicles that are legally parked in order to collect delinquencies. If the owner of the vehicle is legally parked on a city street or in a city parking deck, the city does not have the authority to impound the vehicle even if we know the vehicle has outstanding debt. Several Cities outside of North Carolina that we benchmarked have enabling State legislation that allows the City to tow/boot legally parked vehicles with outstanding parking citations.

The second limitation to the City ordinance relates to the City's ability to identify owners who have delinquent citations on multiple vehicles. For example: You may own three different vehicles and have one outstanding citation on each vehicle within a 90 day period, however, the vehicles owner has not been identified and the city is not able to tow any of the vehicles. The difficulty of consolidating all outstanding parking citations onto the registered owner and towing any of their illegally parked vehicles with outstanding parking citation limits our ability to collect until each individual vehicle has 3 or more outstanding citations.

The final limitation relates to differences between the City's original ordinance language and the State's enabling statute. The City's ordinance language lengthens the amount of time that a parking violation is considered delinquent from the State statute of 90 days to more than 135 days. This difference severely limits the City's ability to immobilize illegally parked vehicles with outstanding parking citations.

In order to more effectively use the towing tool to collect outstanding citations, both the City ordinance and the State statute would need to be amended.

AF/mbc

cc: Andy Scott, Assistant City Manager



June 29, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation
SUBJECT: Street Connectivity Policy

At the June 15, 2010 City Council meeting, City Council voted to keep the existing Street Connection Policy in place (see attached Street Connection Policy). The existing Policy evaluates street extensions from an existing neighborhood through a proposed development site into or through another existing neighborhood. The existing policy requires City staff to make a recommendation on the proposed street extension based on the following criteria:

1. Emergency response times
2. Excessive block length
3. Traffic congestion
4. Pedestrian needs
5. Coordinated street plan
6. Extraneous traffic
7. Impacts to natural areas
8. Impacts to public facilities
9. Public service delivery

During the rezoning stage, if enough information is available, City staff will indicate if a proposed street connection is warranted based upon review of these criteria. The Zoning Commission Meeting will serve as the public hearing and information gathering about the proposed street connection. Notice of the rezoning case is sent to all residents within six hundred (600) feet of the property to be rezoned. If a street connection is recommended with the rezoning case, then notice of the street connection will be sent to all residents within six hundred (600) feet of the property to be rezoned and to residents along the proposed street(s) to be connected. The Zoning Commission will rule on the land use change. If there is opposition to the land use change determined by the Zoning Commission or the street connection recommendation made by City staff, an appeal can be filed with City Council within 10 days of the Zoning Commission hearing.

If a street connection was not evaluated during the rezoning stage and it is determined by staff that a street connection is warranted during the plan review stage, a public information gathering meeting will be held with residents of the affected street(s). The public meeting will seek

additional information related to criteria 1-9 and will be held before the Technical Review Committee (TRC) rules on the street connection. Appeals of TRC rulings, including street connections, can only be made by the applicant to the Planning Board and City Council. The Staff evaluation/recommendation of the street connection and information from the public meeting will be provided to the Planning Board and City Council for their use and consideration if the applicant appeals the TRC decision.

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Attachments

cc: Andy Scott, Assistant City Manager
Bob Morgan, Deputy City Manager

Street Connection Policy:

In accordance with Section 30-6, 13.3 (C) of the Greensboro Development Ordinance, street extensions that extend from existing neighborhood through a proposed development site into or through another existing neighborhood shall be evaluated and established based on the following criteria:

1. **Emergency Response Times:**
How much a street connection may decrease emergency response times or enhance emergency vehicle access.
(Fire Department to evaluate)

2. **Excessive Block Lengths:**
Evaluate current neighborhood block lengths and determine if a street connection is needed.
(Planning Department to evaluate)

3. **Traffic Congestion:**
Existing and/or anticipated street patterns warrant a street connection(s) in order to reduce traffic congestion.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate)

4. **Pedestrian:**
Existing street and sidewalk patterns warrant a street connection(s) and or sidewalk connection(s) to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist activities.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate)

5. **Coordinated Street Plan:**
A street connection fits into adopted street plans (thoroughfare plan, collector street plan, and local street plan)
(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate)

6. **Extraneous Traffic:**
Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would encourage traffic volumes with origins and destinations outside the existing neighborhood or encourage truck traffic to pass through the neighborhood.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation to evaluate)

7. **Impacts to Natural Areas:**
Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would adversely affect streams, lakes/ponds, and whether or not there are topographical barriers or unique natural areas.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation, Water Resources Department, and Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate)

- 8. **Impacts to Public Facilities:**
Whether or not a proposed street connection(s) would adversely affect other public facilities such as parks, bike trails, nature trails, and natural areas.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation and Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate public facilities)

- 9. **Public Service Delivery:**
Whether or not a proposed street connection would enhance delivery of public services.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to evaluate)

Public Involvement Procedure:

When, during the rezoning stage, the initial analysis by the City of Greensboro staff indicates a proposed street connection is warranted (based on a review of criteria 1-9) the Zoning Commission meeting will serve as the public hearing for public involvement and information gathering.

When, during the plan review stage, the initial analysis by City of Greensboro staff indicated a proposed street connection is warranted (based on a review of criteria 1-9) and prior to City of Greensboro staff making a recommendation to the Technical Review Committee, an information gathering meeting will be held with adjacent property owners to seek additional information related to criteria 1-9.
(Greensboro Department of Transportation to coordinate public involvement)

Should a proposed rezoning or an appeal of a TRC plat denial be made, this form (and attached map showing all proposed street connection locations and public involvement summary) will be provided to the Planning Board and City Council for their use and consideration in the appeals process.

Staff Recommendation:

Date: _____

Name: _____



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dexter Matthews, Director

Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section
Winston-Salem Regional Office

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
Dee Freeman, Secretary

June 25, 2010

Jeryl W. Covington, P.E.
Director, Environmental Services
City of Greensboro
PO Box 3136
Greensboro, NC 27402-3136

Re: Closure of Portions of the Construction and Demolition (C&D) area
White Street Landfill, Permit # 41-03

Dear Ms. Covington,

The Solid Waste Section has reviewed the June 14, 2010 response submitted to this office by you regarding the status of waste placement in the C&D area of the White Street Landfill. The purpose of the response was to provide information requested in the May 19, 2010 audit report to determine the need for closure in accordance with 15A NCAC 13B .0543(c)(5).

15A NCAC 13B .0543(c)(5) states "the owner and operator must begin closure activities for that portion of each C&DLF unit meeting one or more of the following requirement....

(b) No later than 30 days after the date that a 10 acre or greater area of waste, is within 15 feet of final design grades: or

(c) No later than one year after the most recent receipt of wastes, if the C&DLF has remaining capacity."

Based upon observations made by Section staff during the May 19th facility audit and the information provided in the June 14th response, it appears that the facility is not in compliance with the above noted rule in that substantially more than 10 acres are within 15ft of final design grade and those areas have not received waste within the last year, only receiving minor amounts of soil needed for the maintenance of the cover. Therefore, by **August 15, 2010** submit a plan of action, including a schedule, to address the closure of any area at final grade and/or within 15ft of final grade to:

Hugh Jernigan
NCDENR - Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section
585 Waughtown Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

585 Waughtown Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27107
Phone: 336-771-5000 \ FAX: 336-771-4631 \ Internet: www.wastenotnc.org

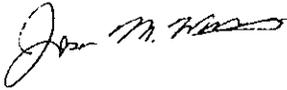
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The permit for this facility is currently under review and cannot be renewed if the facility is in violation of any law and/or rule. Therefore, it is important that action be taken immediately to address this matter. In addition, being that the permit is under review, it is my understanding that any submittals made at this time would be reviewed under the same permitting fees and would thus save the City additional costs to submit at a later date.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (336) 771-5092.



Jason M. Watkins
Central District Supervisor
Field Operations

Cc (via email only):

Mark Poindexter, Field Operations Branch Head
Hugh Jernigan, Environmental Senior Specialist
Donald Herndon, Compliance Officer
Ed Mussler, Permitting Branch Head
Ming Chao, Permit Engineer



June 29, 2010

TO: Rashad Young, City Manager
FROM: Adam Fischer, Director of Transportation
SUBJECT: Tiger II Grant Application

On December 16, 2009, the President signed the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010. The FY 2010 Appropriations Act appropriated \$600 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. Since this appropriation is similar to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program authorized and implemented pursuant to the ARRA Reinvestment Act of 2009, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under FY 2010 Appropriations Act as "TIGER II Discretionary Grants".

The City of Greensboro is in the process of applying for a TIGER II Discretionary Grant to fund portions of the Downtown Greenway. The minimum size of the grant has to be \$12.5 million at an 80/20 split in federal to local funding. Pre-applications have to be submitted by July, 26 with final applications due on August, 23. The portions of the Greenway that the City will be applying for TIGER II grant funding include Phase I-b which runs along Bragg Boulevard from Eugene Street to Lee Street, Phase II which runs along Murrow Boulevard and Fisher Avenue from Lee Street to Eugene Street, and Phase III which runs along Eugene Street and Smith Street from Fisher Avenue to Prescott Street (see attached map). The total cost of completing these three (3) sections of the Downtown Greenway is estimated at \$12.5 million to \$15 million. The required 20 % matching funds would come from transportation bond funds designated for the Greenway and private funding. The TIGER II projects must have completed designs and environmental approval and be ready for funds to be obligated by September 30, 2012.

The President's Recovery Act signed on 2/17/09 appropriated \$1.5 billion of discretionary grants which were awarded by DOT for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure (TIGER Discretionary Grant Program). DOT received 1400 applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants requesting \$60 billion. On 2/17/2010 DOT awarded 51 grants totaling \$1.5 billion. NCDOT applied for a TIGER grant of \$300 million to replace the Yadkin River Bridge and only received \$10 million.

Tiger II Discretionary Grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. There will be \$600 million available for TIGER II Discretionary Grants of which at least \$140 million must be spent in rural areas. It is expected that the TIGER II Grants will be very competitive with just as many applicants for TIGER II Discretionary Grants as there were for the first TIGER Discretionary Grants, however; there will be less than ½ the funding available TIGER II Grants than were available for the original TIGER Grants. The Departments of Transportation, Planning and Housing and Community Development are working together to develop a complete and competitive TIGER II application for the Downtown Greenway. The application involves a very thorough benefit cost analysis which includes projected long term economic productivity, safety, environmental, infrastructure condition, and livability benefits. Environmental documentation must also be started by the time of application and it is anticipated that the City will solicit help from a consultant to begin environmental documentation and to help with the economic benefit analysis. The Greensboro Area Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsed the City's TIGER II application on June 24 and the City is also seeking a similar endorsement from NCDOT. We will also request that City Council pass a resolution supporting the TIGER II Grant application at the July 20th City Council meeting.

AF
Attachment

cc: Andy Scott, Assistant City Manager
Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager
Bob Morgan, Deputy City Manager

DOWNTOWN GREENWAY TIGER II GRANT

