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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: PRESENTATION

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## Item Details

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### Requested Motion

Receive as information an update on the first round of public engagement for the Pleasant Park Access Study and provide an opportunity for Council questions and discussion.

### Approval Recommended?

Informational only.

### Item Details

Pleasant Park serves as a significant recreational destination for the Apex community, offering athletic fields, courts, playgrounds, shelters, and other amenities that attract residents and visitors throughout the year. As park usage continues to grow, the existing single point of vehicular access presents challenges related to traffic circulation, accessibility, and emergency response. Recognizing the importance of improving connectivity and ensuring adequate access to the park, the need to evaluate additional access opportunities was previously identified in the Western Big Branch Area Plan.

On March 10, 2026, the Apex Town Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) to advance the Pleasant Park Access Study. Led by CAMPO in partnership with the Town of Apex, the study will evaluate the feasibility of up to five (5) potential new vehicular access points, including opportunities to enhance multimodal connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists. The study will consider potential access improvements through an established evaluation framework, incorporating community feedback and other planning considerations.

Upon completion, the study will provide potential access improvement concepts, preliminary construction cost estimates, and recommendations for implementation priorities. This effort is a feasibility study only, and funding **has not been** identified for the design or construction of additional access points at this time.

Public engagement is an important component of the study process, providing residents and other stakeholders an opportunity to share perspectives and help inform the evaluation of potential alternatives. The first public engagement meeting was held on September 3, 2026, at Apex Town Hall to introduce the study, provide an overview of its objectives, and gather community input on the performance measures that will be used to evaluate potential access locations.

The purpose of this agenda item is to introduce the Pleasant Park Access Study to the Town Council, provide a summary of the first round of public engagement, and outline the next steps in the study process. This item is intended to be informational and provide Councilmembers an opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion as the study progresses. No formal action or approval of a proposed access alternative is requested at this stage.

Additional information, including study materials and opportunities for public participation, is available on the project website at www.apexnc.org/pleasantparkaccess.

Attachments

- PR5-A1: Public Meeting No. 1 Public Engagement Summary