

AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

PREPARED BY: Jeremy Hardison, Community **DEPARTMENT:** Community

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MEETING: Town Council 7/23/24

Resolution authorizing the Town of Carolina Beach to submit an application to **SUBJECT:** the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Surface

the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for a Sidewalk Project located adjacent to

S. Lake Park Blvd from the Carolina Beach Lake to Alabama Ave.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has been working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on cost and design for a sidewalk from the Carolina Beach Lake to Tennessee Ave. DOT has approximately \$150,000 allocated to the project. The Town would be responsible to contribute funds for the rest of the project. A grant was recently announced under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. These grant funds could be utilized by the Town for its portion of the contribution. The grant requires a minimum 20% local match. DOT is currently calculating the cost to extend the sidewalk to Alabama Ave and staff will send the estimated construction cost to Town Council prior to the meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the WMPO.

MOTION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to submit an application to the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program to construct a sidewalk located adjacent to S. Lake Park Blvd from the Carolina Beach Lake to Alabama Ave.