

AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council 9/27/2022 Workshop

SUBJECT: Cape Fear / Canal one way design

BACKGROUND:

The Town has looked at reconfiguring Cape Fear and Canal in the downtown east of Lake Park on several occasions over the past 20 years. In 2010 an assessment was done by the Wilmington MPO and staff to recommend a one-way design going east on Cape Fear and north on Canal to Harper. The Town looked at this again in 2014 but opted to leave the traffic pattern the same when replacing the streets and all infrastructure.

Town Council has asked that staff assess this area again in 2022. TRC reviewed options for:

- 1. Remaining 2 way
- 2. Remaining 2 way on Cape Fear and one way on Canal
- 3. Completely closing off these streets
- 4. One way going east on Cape Fear and one way going north on Canal to Harper

Town Staff and MPO agreed option 4 would allow for the safest and most efficient movement of traffic.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- 1. Some possible alternatives could be:
- 2. Have a committee assess possible options.
- 3. Hold a public workshop
- 4. Hire a traffic engineer to evaluate the area and engineer the design
- 5. Postpone discussions until the budget retreat
- 6. Other?

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to direct staff to move forward with one or more of the options listed above.