



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

PREPARED BY: Ed H. Parvin, Deputy Manager

DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council – 12 May 2026

SUBJECT: Discussion on Sidewalk from Carolina Beach Lake to Spartanburg

BACKGROUND:

In May of 2023 the Town Manager was in discussions with North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) about how we could get sidewalks added from Carolina Sands to the Lake. Later that summer funding from DOT was earmarked for this project. Several on-site meetings occurred with Town staff and DOT. In November 2023 a plan was given to the town. The plan showed the sidewalk meandering from DOT right of way to private property. There were multiple conflicts with power poles, mailboxes, utilities, trash bins, signage, etc. Costs of purchasing the additional needed right-of-way was also a significant concern.

Staff worked with DOT on an alternative that would bump out curb and gutter and avoid all the conflicts. DOT met with staff on-site again and determined there was adequate drive aisle width to accomplish this task. However, when the estimate came back to the Town it was going to cost \$1,691,153.08.

Staff talked to Town Council about this issue and directions were given to see if we could get any aspect of the project completed (i.e. one or two blocks). Staff went back to DOT and they agreed to look at the costs again on a block-by-block basis.

Costs submitted back to the Town over the last few years continue to fluctuate and in April 2026 Town Council reviewed numbers of close to \$800K to reach Sumter and just under \$1 million to take the sidewalk to Spartanburg.

Throughout April and early May staff have worked with MPO and DOT to identify the most strategic way to get this project completed that will efficiently get the sidewalk put in place and limit impacts on taxpayer contributions.

Cost Breakdown as of May 4, 2026

DOT Contribution:	\$183,118.84
Town Contribution:	\$666,880.16
Expenditures:	\$63,776.66
REMAINING	\$787,222.34
Carolina Beach Lake to Sumter	\$762,295
Sumter to Spartanburg Avenue	\$210,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$972,295
Additional need for Spartanburg	\$972,295-\$787,222.34=\$185,072.66

ACTION REQUESTED:

The project is proposed to Town Council to complete sidewalk from CB Lake to Sumter or CB Lake to Spartanburg. Grant money (will still require Town match) is recommended for completing the sidewalk further south. Staff plans to bring back more information on strategies for going south at the May workshop.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to approve entering into a contract with DOT to build a sidewalk that runs on the west side of Lake Park Blvd from where the sidewalk terminates at the southern end of **CB Lake to the intersection of Sumter and Lake Park Blvd**. Funding the project shall include the \$666,880.16 given to DOT from the Town and the \$183,118.84 contribution from DOT. As the current cost estimate is \$762,295 and there is \$787,222.34 allocated to the project, I further motion that any remaining funds be returned to the Town after the project is complete.

Motion to approve entering into a contract with DOT to build a sidewalk that runs on the west side of Lake Park Blvd from where the sidewalk terminates at the southern end of **CB Lake to the intersection of Spartanburg and Lake Park Blvd**. Funding the project shall include the \$666,880.16 given to DOT from the Town and the \$183,118.84 contribution from DOT. I further motion that an additional \$185,072.66 be allocated from the Town's fund balance to accommodate the total requested funds from DOT.