



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	June 10, 2024
Department:	Community Services
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study

Attachments:

1. South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study Plan
2. South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study Presentation

Summary:

South Churton Street serves as the primary entrance into town from interstates 40 and 85 and is one of the more heavily traveled roads in Hillsborough. It carries between 20,000 and 25,000 annual average daily trips, many of which are generated by commuters from beyond the town limits. South Churton Street is a state-maintained road.

The State Transportation Improvement Program includes a project to widen South Churton Street from Interstate 40 to the Eno River to relieve traffic congestion and provide north-south pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. In 2019, the North Carolina Department of Transportation developed concepts for the widening project. No preferred alternative or cross section was designated by the town at that time.

Town staff and leaders recognize the importance of a well-designed South Churton Street as one that serves the needs of the local community and also the wider network. A quality design that enhances safety, improves flow and presents a beautiful and functional entryway to town will benefit the entire community.

The Town of Hillsborough has initiated this study to develop alternatives that consider the needs of the town and all users of the corridor. The town has contracted with Stantec Consulting Services and Alta Planning and Design to lead the study. Both firms have extensive experience in urban design, transportation engineering, and multimodal corridor planning.

The purpose of the South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study is to develop design concepts that contribute to the town's character while respecting the goals of a state-funded project to widen the road from Interstate 40 to the Eno River and improve safety for all users.

For the past two years, the design team has gathered input from community members, partner agencies, and town staff to develop plans for South Churton Street that address the objectives of the project: to create a multimodal, accessible, sustainable, and safe corridor. Traffic analysis and modeling are used to inform the recommendations.

Plans are complete and presented to the Board of Commissioners for endorsement. The final plan, once endorsed, will be shared with North Carolina Department of Transportation to express the town's preferred alternatives in hopes to inform the design and engineering phase of the funded project.

Financial impacts:

None

Staff recommendation and comments:

Endorse South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study Plan and direct staff to share the final plan with partners at North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Action requested:

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