

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Authorizing Resolution for a BUILD Planning Grant

From: Randy Hemann, Assistant City Manager

Meeting Date: July 16, 2018

Public Hearing: N/A

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Attachments: Proposed Resolution
Project Scope Map

PURPOSE:

The BUILD or Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Planning Grant is a U.S. Department of Transportation grant that will allow the City to plan and develop a budget estimate for transportation improvements in the Core City. The grant requires a 20% match but the City is proposing a 30% match to produce a more competitive application. The proposed scope of the plan is as follows:

- Elm Street Corridor from the traffic circle at Parkway to West Commerce Avenue– a critical local road in need of streetscape, pedestrian, and bike lane improvements connecting the City Core to the High Point Regional Hospital;
- English Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive One Way Conversions – this vital east-west couplet that accommodates commuters and local trucks, does limits adequate access by vehicle, foot or bicycle, to development occurring at the Core. This planned conversion would be from North Centennial Street to Phillips Ave.;
- Southwest Greenway (Phase I) – a conceptually planned bike and pedestrian greenway (rail trail) connecting one of High Point's industrial centers to the Core City development. The planned greenway would run from the City's Multi Modal Transportation Facility to Harvell Park/Buzzi Space

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Elm Street Corridor improvements are in support of the City's Catalyst project and the proposed \$80+ million in private development. The English Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive one-way conversions are also in support of development from the Cohab project to HP365 to the Furniture Market expansions which have recently totaled more than \$50 million. The conversions were first proposed in the 2007 Core City Plan. In order to be eligible for future funding for construction (BUILD Grant for construction) these projects need additional planning and design.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The City's 30% match is anticipated to be \$403,388 and the Federal Grant would be \$1,344,625. Funding is proposed from anticipated fund balance.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends approval of the Authorizing Resolution for a BUILD Planning Grant.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO
LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) PLANNING GRANT**

WHEREAS, The BUILD planning grant will provide the City with the necessary funding to complete preliminary and final engineering as well as environmental reviews on three corridors that provide strategic access to the development in the Core.

WHEREAS, Elm Street – a critical local road in need of streetscape, pedestrian, and bike lane improvements connecting the City Core to the High Point Regional Hospital;

WHEREAS, English Road and Martin Luther King Jr Drive One-Way Pairing – a vital east-west couplet that accommodates commuters and local trucks, does limits adequate access by vehicle, foot or bicycle, to development occurring at the Core;

WHEREAS, The Southwest Greenway (Phase I) – a conceptually planned bike and pedestrian greenway connecting one of High Point’s industrial centers to the Core City development.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the High Point City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to apply for a BUILD planning grant in the amount of \$941,238. The BUILD planning grant requires a \$403,388 match from the City of High Point.

Adopted this the 16th day of July 2018.

Mayor Jay W. Wagner

Lisa B. Vierling
High Point City Clerk