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Date: October 31, 2016 Item 5.1

To: Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee
Meeting of November 7, 2016

From: Lee Plemel, Director

Subject: Presentation and discussion only regarding the South Carson Street
Complete Street Corridor Study

Public Works Transportation Manager Patrick Pittenger will give an update on the progress of the South Carson Street Complete Street Corridor Study. Attached is a memo from the Public Works Department to the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization containing more information regarding the study.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Lee Plemel at 283-7075 or lplemel@carson.org.

Attachments:

1. Memo from Carson City Public Works



STAFF REPORT

Report To: The Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

Meeting Date: November 9, 2016

Staff Contact: Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager

Agenda Title: (Information Only) To update the Board on the South Carson Street Complete Street Corridor Study.

Staff Summary: As part of CAMPO's Unified Planning Work Program, staff is responsible for completing a South Carson Street Corridor Study, due to the significant changes in traffic patterns and volumes anticipated with the opening of the Carson City freeway extension.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Proposed Motion - N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

In July 2016, the CAMPO Board approved a contract with Kimley-Horn to conduct a Complete Streets Corridor Study for South Carson Street, between Fifth and Roland Streets - approximately 2.5 miles. This section of South Carson Street will be transferred to Carson City upon completion of the freeway extension. Per an agreement between the Nevada Department of Transportation and the City, \$5.1 million will be transferred to the City to implement a complete streets project on South Carson Street between Fairview Drive and Roland Street by 2019. The Complete Streets study will identify design alternatives that optimize use of the corridor for all transportation mode types. The significant changes in traffic patterns and volumes anticipated with the opening of the Carson City freeway extension allows the City an opportunity to consider design alternatives to improve safety, help spur economic growth, improve mode choice, and improve the corridor's aesthetics. Complete Streets design elements may include access improvements, bike lanes, pedestrian crossing opportunities, reduction of travel lanes, roundabouts, and transit accommodations.

On September 22nd a public meeting was held at the Fuji Park Exposition Hall to present information on the study and to perform public outreach. During the meeting, the public was polled on matters related to the corridor. Below are highlights from the poll:

- Automobile travel is the highest priority in the corridor followed by biking
- Vehicle access to businesses is a higher priority than faster travel time along the corridor
- Intersection safety improvements are a high priority
- Corridor lighting is of high importance
- The majority of participants identify the corridor as not walkable under current conditions
- Walkability along the corridor is of medium to high importance
- The majority of participants felt that improving the aesthetics would encourage pedestrian traffic
- Corridor bikeability is of high importance
- Bike paths separated from roadway would encourage people to ride more often

In October, staff met with the consultant to review public comment and discussed how the input could help guide the development of two conceptual street cross sections. Another public meeting will be scheduled in early 2017 to seek public input on draft conceptual plans.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation - N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives - N/A

Supporting Material - N/A