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INFORMATION:

West Tyvola Sidewalk Project Accelerated Schedule

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This .37-mile sidewalk project along West Tyvola Road will connect existing sidewalk on West Blvd. and Old Steele Creek Road. Since Council approved funding for this project in March, 2012, staff has completed community engagement, planning and the project design work.

The first phase of this project was community involvement and planning, which took eight months from April to November, 2012. This phase, which included two public meetings rather than the usual one for projects of this type, was not compressed in order to ensure resident and property owner input was heard and considered in planning and design.

The second project phase was design. This took five months from December to May, instead of the usual six-to-seven months, despite two complications not usually encountered. The first was review of a storm water culvert system that had to be factored into the design. The second was ensuring that both the horizontal and vertical location of the sidewalk would be compatible with the future plans to widen this section of Tyvola as a Farm-To-Market project.

The timeline for the remaining work will be expedited, dependent on the community working with staff on real estate acquisition. Staff believes this will be possible because property owners have said they want this project to be completed.

If achieved, this accelerated schedule would result in the sidewalk being completed in June, 2014, a year ahead of a normal sidewalk completion schedule.

Below are links to PDFs showing the sidewalk location and the 13 parcels with easements to be acquired for construction. Clearer illustrations can be made available to Council members upon request.

Tyvola Accelerated Schedule:

- Start real estate acquisition – mid-June 2013 (6 month real estate phase)
- Start construction bid phase – mid-November 2013 to mid-March 2014 (2 month overlap between real estate and bid)
- Start construction – April 2014
- Finish construction – June 2014 (90-day construction schedule)

[Click here for the Tyvola Connectivity Scan](#)

[Click here for the Tyvola Parcel Map](#)

FY2013 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Application

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The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative has replaced the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Hope VI Initiative. Unlike Hope VI, the Choice Neighborhood Initiative is a two phase grant process - planning and implementation of grants with a focus on housing, people, and neighborhoods.

The City of Charlotte will partner with the Charlotte Housing Authority in the submission of a FY2013 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant for the Biddleville/Tarlton Hills Community. The anticipated grant award is \$500,000. If awarded, the City will contribute \$20,000 from the Neighborhood & Business Services operating budget that will be leveraged with other cash and in-kind, resources provided by Johnson C. Smith University, Griffin Brothers Company, Wells Fargo Foundation, and Center City Partners.

Planning grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building the necessary support for the successful implementation of the plan over a two-year period. Implementation grants support communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their transformation plan to redevelop a neighborhood.

The Choice Neighborhood Initiative is designed to:

- Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term.
- Support positive outcomes for people living in the targeted development and surrounding neighborhoods, specifically outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility and education.
- Transform distressed neighborhoods into viable mixed-income neighborhoods with access to services, high quality public schools, high quality early learning programs, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

The Choice Neighborhood grant process is a very competitive. Since 2010, HUD has awarded 47 Choice Neighborhood Planning grants throughout the country. North Carolina recipients include Durham, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Wilson. FY2013 award announcements are anticipated on or before September 30, 2013.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Click here for the April 22 Council-Manager Relations Committee Summary](#)