



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is being asked to support NCDOT in their determination to use \$400,000 in High Impact Funds to strengthen and resurface a portion of Page Road. Projects at this cost level require support resolutions from applicable local boards.

Background/Justification

NCDOT is planning to both strengthen and resurface the portion of Page Road between Chin Page Road and TW Alexander (see attached map) in 2017. The extra strengthening, designed to help the road handle both current and future traffic, is anticipated to cost approximately \$400,000 and thus requires a resolution of support from all relevant local boards, which in this case are the Wake County and Durham County Boards of County Commissioners. No County funds would be required for expended as part of this project.

The width of the road does not make it suitable for any easy additional of bicycle lanes / facilities, nor is there time, given the specific source of funds for this project, to try to assemble funding to acquire additional right-of-way, for example. The source of funds is called “High Impact/Low Cost” and has essentially replaced the old Small Construction funds. Whatever projects are chosen have to be under construction within 12 months, which rules out many, more complex project.

NCDOT uses criteria to screen, but not rank, projects, and they include AADT, accident rate, existing lane width, improvement to Level Of Service (LOS), non-highway components, other funds, and County Tier Designation. According to NCDOT representative Mike Kneis, “It’s a fairly easy bar to qualify, but the 12 months and R/W (right-of-way) issues will keep a lot of projects out.”

Policy Impact

Staff probed NCDOT staff to see what alternatives there were both on this road but also to see whether the County Commissioners might have had some additional options or choices in front of them for the expenditure of High Impact (or other NCDOT) funds in Durham. Staff are satisfied that there would have been few if any additional, workable choices for these funds and are therefore comfortable moving forward with a simple resolution of support for this project.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact for the County as no County funds will be expended on this project.

Recommendation

Staff are comfortable recommending the Board approve this resolution.