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“PE” is preliminary engineering.

The other project we are funding in Durham are 3 intersection improvements around the DBAP / ballpark and courthouse for pedestrian safety (all considered 1 project): Jackie Robinson at Roxboro, Jackie Robinson at Mangum, and Mangum at Dillard.

Below is a list of other submittals. Some were not good candidates for various reasons, just as time constraints to be under construction within 12 months of funding, or other funded projects that should take care of the issues, or operationally it wasn't a good solution. Also, we are trying to NOT do too many signals since those could be funded other ways.

Other submitted, but not funded projects include:

Roxboro at Rippling Stream – Signal w/ped accommodations  
Alston at Riddle – Signal w/ped accommodations  
Roxboro at Fairfield – Signal w/ped accommodations  
Roxboro - Markham to Lynch – Median buffer??  
Swift - Caswell to Pettigrew – sidewalk and signal  
NC 54 at Hunting Ridge – add ped phase to signal  
Alston at Carpenter Fletcher - signal  
Cheek at Junction - signal  
Shady Grove Road and Leesville Road - Left turn lanes and traffic signal  
US 70 at Leesville Road - Extend Right turn lane  
Old Oxford Highway and Teknika Parkway - Remove free flow right turn lane and place at intersection  
Glenn School Road - Pavement strengthening between I-85 and Geer Street  
Hope Valley at Durham Chapel Hill - signal

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Mike,

As I get focused on this item, can you help me get clarity on the bits in yellow below? What's "PE", and what other candidates *are* there (i.e. that are being funded without a BOCC resolution) or *were* there (which you have opted not to pursue) in Durham County? I think the Commissioners will be happy to see Page Rd. resurfaced and strengthened, but they will also want to know what alternatives there are or were, if any, for these \$400,000 and perhaps other funds...

Thanks,  
Drew

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Sure, High Impact/Low Cost funds are a new pot of money, sort of replacing the old Small Construction funds, but whatever we pick has to be under construction within 12 months, so we don't have time to get R/W. That rules out a lot of turn lanes and realignments, or anything with utility issues, unless there are other funds for **PE** and R/W.

We have criteria to screen, but not rank, projects, but anything it open for suggestions really.

Our criteria are AADT, accident rate, existing lane width, improvement to Level Of Service, non-highway components, other funds, and County Tier Designation.

Since Wake and Durham have STP-BG funds available to the MPOs, we added County Tier to help focus projects in the other counties, but **we certainly have good candidates in Wake and Durham that qualify.** It's a fairly easy bar to qualify, but the 12 months and R/W issues will keep a lot of projects out.

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This is helpful. Were there competing projects for the High Impact funds, and could you help me understand allowable uses of these funds more generally?

Timing shouldn't be an issue – this will be no problem.

Best,  
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