



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Agenda Item:

Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant

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The N.C. Department of Transportation is inviting North Carolina communities to apply for the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant program for funding to evaluate the viability and design alternatives of planned bicycle and pedestrian paths.

The studies are being paid for using \$2.5 million in state and federal funds. Feasibility studies will evaluate the viability of a transportation project, complete initial stages of design and environmental review, and develop implementation strategies. Public input will play an important role in the study's conclusions. The feasibility study enables communities to examine route alternatives, develop cost estimates, and advance projects to compete for additional funding for design and construction.

Communities have until Jan. 9, 2023, to apply for a NCDOT grant that would pay for a feasibility study. The towns of Apex, Holly Springs and Morrisville are submitting information, along with a resolution of support for the grant. An endorsement by the CAMPO Executive Board is required before NCDOT will consider the application.

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board adopt the resolutions endorsing the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant application for the towns of Apex, Holly Springs and Morrisville.