



Albemarle County

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AGENDA DATE: 10/13/2021

TITLE:

Rio Road Corridor Study, Phase I

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Presentation of work to date on the Rio Road Corridor Study, Phase I

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Filardo, Rapp, McDermott, Benish

PRESENTER (S): David Benish, Daniel Hyer, Consultant with Line+Grade

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Board directed staff to undertake a corridor study and planning process for Rio Road from east the Small Area Plan area (east of Putt Putt Place) to the City Limits at Melbourne Road. A consultant, Line+Grade Civil Engineering, has been contracted to undertake this project. The project work is being done in two phases. Phase I consists of the section of road from east of Route 29/Putt Putt Place to just south of the John Warner Parkway/Rio Road intersection. Phase II covers the remainder of Rio Road to Melbourne Road. While work is underway on Phase II, the focus of the consultant's work to date has been on Phase I.

The consultant has completed the background assessment of Phase I of the Corridor and developed draft concepts for improvements. The concepts have been presented to the public for feedback through three approaches: through use of the project website; three (3) pop-up meeting locations along the corridor (the Center, CATEC, and at Putt Putt); and a public meeting held with the Places29-Rio Community Advisory Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment - Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs.

DISCUSSION: At this work session, the consultant and project team will:

- Present an overview of the draft concepts;
- Provide summary of comments received from the public to date;
- Advise on the next steps in the plan development process.

Because of the amount of information needed to thoroughly understand the issues with the corridor and the draft concepts for improvements, two videos have been developed and posted on the project website: the first providing introduction and background information about the corridor that informed the planning work to date

and the second presenting the draft concepts. The Board is encouraged to review those videos prior to this meeting to allow more time to answer questions and receive comments during the work session. A link to the videos is provided below. Public comment opportunity was provided along with the videos on the project website, and can those comments can be seen using this same link.

<https://www.publicinput.com/N3174>

BUDGET IMPACT: No immediate budget impact from development of this plan. The plan would potentially be used to inform future funding and grant application requests.

RECOMMENDATION:

This presentation and work session is intended to update the Board on the concepts developed to date, comments received during the public engagement process, and next steps in the process. No specific action is required at this time; however, comments and any direction from the Board are welcome.

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