



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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SUBJECT: Franklin Corridor and Connector Streets Economic Development Projects  
Status of the Various Streetscape Projects

**Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to update the Board on the status of the various streetscape projects and to supply them with the necessary information to determine what future action should take place for continuing these projects.

**Background**

During the month of May, City staff met with Paul Roszak from EG&G, designer of the Franklin Corridor and Connector Streets Economic Development Projects (Streetscape) to discuss the overall design progress. The separate Streetscape projects that EG&G are currently working on are Columbia Avenue Phase I (Construction Administration), Columbia Avenue Phase II (Design), Hillsboro Road (Design), Franklin Road from Harpeth River Bridge to Harpeth Industrial Court (Design), Third Avenue South (Design), Fourth Avenue North and South (Design), and Bridge Street and First Avenue North (Design). The following is a breakdown of these projects:

| Project Name   | BOMA Priority | Contract Amount<br>(Includes Design<br>and Easements and<br>Bidding) | Amount Remaining | % Design Complete |
|--|---------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Columbia Ave.<br>Phase I                                 | 2             | \$368,059  | \$48,920.83      | N/A               |
| Columbia Ave.<br>Phase II                                | N/A           | \$53,050   | \$3,754          | 92%               |
| Hillsboro Road   | 1             | \$222,500  | \$10,555         | 97%               |
| Franklin Road  | 8             | \$615,250  | \$55,859         | 98%               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. North & 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Ave. N&S | N/A           | \$831,729  | \$136,193        | 89%               |
| Bridge St. & 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave.<br>North               | 8             | \$677,628  | \$110,354        | 87%               |

Funding for ROW and easement acquisition and/or construction is only approved for Columbia Avenue Phase I and Hillsboro Road currently.



Staff is reviewing the progress of these projects to determine what future action should be taken. Staff is also looking at ways that the current scope could be modified so that additional funds for design are not needed when acquisition and construction funding becomes available.

Since the design is so far along with these projects, it makes sense to complete the design portions, develop legal descriptions and exhibits, and finish all details necessary for easement/ROW acquisition. Stopping the project at this milestone and restarting once funding is available should cost a relatively minor additional amount, whereas, it could be more to stop the project completely now and pick it back up in the future. Construction details, signalization plans, etc. should wait until funding is available as they are subject to more frequent updates. As an example, signal design details get updated on a regular basis as technology improves. The plans may need to be updated multiple times if the design is completed and the plans sit for an extended period of time.

#### **Financial Impact**

There are none at this time. It is possible to see some short term savings with minimal increased costs over a longer period of time, depending on the Board's direction.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends moving forward with the design plans to a point at which legal descriptions and exhibits for ROW and easement acquisition can be accomplished for all of the projects. Once ROW plans are submitted to and approved by City staff, acquisition documents can be completed and the project can wait for funding before proceeding.