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SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD ACTION

Subject: NC86/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Corridor and Town-Wide Pedestrian Safety Evaluation Study

Meeting Date: April 3, 2007

Recommendation: The Board recommends the Council approve the proposed pedestrian safety improvements with the following recommendations:

- The Town should also provide additional signage and enforcement of speed limits in conjunction with the proposed improvements.
- Left turns from northbound Martin Luther King Blvd. to North Columbia Street should be prohibited.
- The proposed inclusion of street trees to buffer pedestrians from adjacent automobile traffic and provide shade should be designed so that they do not interfere with street lighting.
- The proposed pedestrian improvements should be coordinated with development proposals to ensure completion of the proposed pedestrian facilities.
- The Town should consider the potential impact of existing truck traffic at locations proposed for intersection radius reductions.
- The Town should also improve pedestrian access to the NC86/Martin Luther King Blvd. corridor from adjacent neighborhoods.
- Provision of bus pull offs should be a lower priority than pedestrian improvements.
- Pedestrian refuge islands should be provided as part of the proposed improvements along NC54.

Vote: 9-0

Ayes: Sinreich, Cianciolo, Campion, Jensen, Johnson, Milio, Pease, Stroud, Weseman

Nay: None

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