



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 1/10/2017

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SUBJECT: General Business

Transportation Master Plan Update and Erie Parkway Recommended Alternative.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTER/PREPARER: Gary Behlen, Public Works Director
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FISCAL INFORMATION:

Cost as Recommended: N/A
Balance Available: N/A
Fund: N/A
Budget Line Item Number: N/A
New Appropriation Required: No

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide comments on the Transportation Master Plan, and the recommended alternative for Erie Parkway Corridor Study.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Transportation Master Plan Update

The Town's current Transportation Master Plan, dated January 2008, was prepared in conjunction with the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Update, and was finalized January, 2008. Traffic projections were based on the 2007 Development Plan. Since this time there have been several updates to the Development Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan was updated in December, 2015. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan update did not include a Transportation Master Plan update.

On June 14, 2016 the Town of Erie Board of Trustees awarded a Consultant Agreement to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Inc. (FHU), for the Transportation Master Plan Update.

FHU identified seven tasks needed to develop the Erie Transportation Master Plan Update.

Task 1 - Project Management, Public Outreach, and Agency Coordination

Task 2 - Identification of Goals, Policies and Objectives

Task 3 - Document Existing Conditions

Task 4 - Review Land Use Forecasts

Task 5 - Travel Demand Modeling

Task 6 - Transportation Network Planning

Task 7 - Documentation of the planning process and recommendations.

We are now working on Tasks 5 and 6, Travel Demand Modeling and Transportation Network Planning. FHU will be presenting an overview of the process that has occurred to date. Once complete, the Erie Transportation Plan update will be brought back before you for final adoption.

Erie Parkway Corridor Study

The Erie Parkway Corridor Study will provide multi-modal transportation and streetscape recommendations based upon stakeholder input and a thorough understanding of community values, history, and future development scenarios. The study will include transportation scenario models, streetscape plans, and analysis of the potential impacts to community character and economic development potential, as well as recommendations, cost estimates and strategies for project implementation.

On December 8, 2015 the Town of Erie Board of Trustees accepted Federal Funds for the Erie Parkway Corridor Study.

On March 8, 2016 the Town of Erie Board of Trustees awarded a Consultant Agreement to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Inc. (FHU), for the Erie Parkway Corridor Study.

FHU proposed a four phase approach to the Study.

Phase 1 Project Scoping:

- Project Kick-off and Project Team Meetings
- Initial Data Collection
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Developing a Public Engagement Plan
- Phase 1 Public Engagement

Phase 2 Inventory Investigation and Analysis

- Current and Future Traffic Analysis
- Multimodal Inventory
- Crash history
- Environmental Investigation
- Drainage Investigation
- Economic Development Assessment

- Character Districts
- Purpose and Needs
- Phase 2 public Engagement

Phase 3 Alternatives Analysis

- Identify Range of Alternatives
- Tier 1 Evaluation
- Packaged Alternatives
- Tier 2 Evaluation
- Phase 3 Public Engagement

Phase 4 Recommendation and Report

- Develop Recommended Alternative
- Conceptual Design and Cost Estimate
- Implementation Plan
- Draft and Final Report
- Phase 4 Public Engagement

We are now at the beginning of Phase 4. FHU will be presenting an overview of the process that has occurred to date, and the recommended alternative for Erie Parkway. After receiving comments tonight, FHU will move forward with the completion of Phase 4. Once complete, the Erie Parkway Corridor Study will be brought back before you for final approval.