STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 5.3

GOAL # 5: INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

Invest in community infrastructure and continue to enhance the transportation network and systems

INITIATIVE 5.3: SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO ENCOURAGE REDEVELOPMENT OF DEPOT AVENUE

Champion: Teresa Scott, Public Works Director

Committee: Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee

Stakeholders: Citizens of the City of Gainesville, Livingston Neighborhood, Porters Neighborhood, Depot Park District residents and businesses, Spring Hill Neighborhood, University of Florida (UF), Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Bicycle Pedestrian Board, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO), Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

Desired Outcome: Completion of the reconstruction of Depot Avenue projects.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2006 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 12, 2007, then adopted again on February 25, 2008 as an on-going initiative.

Progress to Date:

- The Depot Avenue corridor project is divided into 4 distinct segments. The following status updates were reported during the 2nd Quarter of FY 2008.
- Segment 1: Beginning at the intersection of SW 13th Street and 9th Road, running east on 9th Road to SW 11th Street, then running south on 11th Street to SW Depot Avenue. The need for milling and resurfacing the roadway has been determined.
- Segment 2: From SW 11th St. to South Main Street. Construction plans for reconstruction of the roadway are approximately 60% completed.
- Segment 3: From South Main Street to SE 7th Street. Construction plans for reconstruction of the roadway were completed in 2004. Updating of the plans is necessary and currently underway (90%).
- Segment 4: From SE 7th St. to the intersection of SE Williston Road (SR 331), the project terminus. Preliminary Engineering (Project Development & Environment Study) including 30% plans are completed.

Supporting Documentation:

- 2004 Corridor Study
- 2007 Segment 4 Preliminary Engineering Report

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Action Plan to Complete Depot Avenue Projects for FYs 2009 – 2010

| | Action Steps | Estimated Completion Date: |
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| 1. | Segment 1: Design and construction will commence as funding becomes available | TBD |
| 2. | Segment 2: Development of construction plans beyond 60% will commence as funding becomes available. Right of way needs have been identified and acquisition activities are underway | April 2010 |
| 3. | Segment 3: Work to update the 2004 construction plans is underway. Construction is expected to begin in September '08 and be completed in December '09 | December 2009 |
| 4. | Segment 4: Design and construction will commence as funding becomes available | TBD |

Critical Success Measures

- Secure adequate funding for completion of all four segments
- Complete design of each segment on time and within budget
- Complete construction of each segment on time and within budget