

Information Item

Date: August 9, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:

Presentation on Current Status of the Downtown Streets Two-Way Conversion Projects Funded by the 2018 Bond Referendum

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: Enhance Transportation Options Downtown

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



The 2018 Bond Referendum provided the necessary funds to design and construct a project that would change Liberty, Main, First and Second Streets from a one-way configuration to a two-way configuration.

The desire to improve the business environment and enhance all modes of transportation after reopening Business 40 was identified by the Joint Chamber of Commerce/Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership Business 40 Task Force. As a result, the City commissioned a comprehensive street study that was finalized in 2015. That study identified the feasibility of converting the aforementioned streets to two-way.

Currently, the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation is managing the design and construction of the Two-Way conversion project which is split into 2 sub-projects and grouped together with their respective one-way pair (i.e. 1st/2nd Streets and Liberty/Main Streets). The Winston-Salem Department of Transportation staff will be available to present additional information on these projects and provide a current schedule.