

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 14, 2021

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

From: Aaron King, Interim Assistant City Manager
S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Accepting the Donation of New Easements for the Rail With Trail Greenway Project and the Abandonment of Former Easements Back to Wake Forest Innovation Quarter (East Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation
Strategic Objective: Expand Bike/Sidewalk/Greenway Network
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:
 In 2014, Wake Forest Innovation Quarter (WFIQ) developed plans to construct a greenway trail from Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive south to Fogle Street. The trail was constructed within railroad right-of-way controlled by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation. This trail is an important component of WFIQ’s development project and provides tenants and residents access to parking facilities, enhances the aesthetics of WFIQ by creating an urban-friendly streetscape environment, and provides access for pedestrians and bicyclists. This trail was identified in the Winston-Salem Greenway Plan and will ultimately provide for a connection to the Salem Creek Greenway on the south and an opportunity to extend the greenway system north of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to 25th Street using the same inactive rail line that this project will use.

Due to new sidewalk improvements and safety enhancements, the City and WFIQ desire to relocate the pedestrian path of travel under the Holdings Greenway Easement in the area immediately south of Third Street as described in the attached Exhibit A. To accomplish this, WFIQ will donate new easements to the City as described in the attached Exhibits B and C, and the City will abandon old easements to WFIQ as described in the attached Exhibit D.

Committee Action:

Committee	CDHGG 9/14/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

The attached resolution authorizes the acquisition of easements by the City for the Rail With Trail Greenway Project from WFIQ and the abandonment of certain easements by the City to WFIQ as described herein.