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Board Action

File #: 16-458

Commissioner Fraley - To Approve the Reinstatement of the Garden Parkway Delineation to the Gaston County GIS Website

STAFF CONTACT

Earl Mathers - County Manager - 704- 866-3101

BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

On August 26, 2016, the GCLMPO provided a written request to reinstate the Garden Parkway overlay to the Gaston County GIS website as an optional map layer, citing that the Garden Parkway alignment is still part of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update for December 2016 and is listed as an unfunded project in the 2040 GCLMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Letter and Map

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Kelgher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-245	09/27/2016	CB	JC	A	A	A	A	AB	AB	A	U

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August 26, 2016

Earl Mathers, County Manager
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RE: Replacement of the Garden Parkway Centerline GIS Map to Gaston County's webpage

Mr. Mathers,

I would like to respectfully request that this overlay be added back to the Gaston County GIS web site as an "Optional Map Layer". As noted in your email, the Garden Parkway alignment is still part of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and listed as an unfunded project in the 2040 GCLMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) a.k.a. our Long Range Transportation Plan.

The primary reason for my request, extends from questions submitted by the Gaston Association of Realtors®. Removing the overlay has given real estate agents and home owners the illusion that they no longer have to disclose the Garden Parkway as a material fact when selling property which is not true. It also now stands to confuse potential buyers that have been told the project is "dead". These are not imagined scenarios. We have already had two instances where people are seeking legal advice regarding the purchase of property that was previously shown in the overlay.

The simple fact that the overlay has been removed has created a lot of unnecessary confusion and the removal, in my opinion was premature. The public has a right to know that this project is not in fact "dead". The Parkway is a long range highway project in the MTP and remains on the current and proposed CTP update for December 2016.

As the chairman of the GCLMPO and on behalf of the Gaston Association of Realtors® (of which I am a member), I would like to formally request that this overlay be reinstated to the Gaston County GIS website. Should you have any questions, please contact Hank Graham, MPO Coordinator, at (704) 854-6663 or hankg@cityofgastonia.com.

Sincerely,



Todd Pierceall
Chairman, Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

CC: Charles Moore, Gaston County Attorney
GCLMPO Board

Highway Map



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Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Plan date: August 29, 2016

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| Freeways | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Expressways | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Boulevards | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Other Major Thoroughfares | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Minor Thoroughfares | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Interchanges | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |
| Grade Separations | Existing | Needs Improvement | Recommended |

