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REQUEST FOR ACTION BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Subject: Proposed Long Beach Avenue Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Grant Application.	

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: Dean Lessard, Director of Public Works
RECOMMENDATION: to approve the DPW to submit a 2014 grant application for Long Beach Avenue improvements and to continue to work with Maine DOT to secure funds through the Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) grant program.
PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve the submittal of a 2014 grant application to Maine DOT's Municipal Partnership Initiative Program (MPI) in order to secure funds for Long Beach Avenue improvements.

Discussion:

Previously the Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Community Development Departments' proposed combining the survey work for three Town funded capital projects on Long Beach Avenue. The idea was proposed in order to take advantage of economies of scale and improve coordination between projects. With the approval of the Board of Selectmen the survey needs for the projects were combined in the request for proposals. This effort has proved to be very successful and surveyors from North Easterly Surveyors have been working on completing the survey for the two drainage projects and the Long Sands Bathhouse project. The same Departments are proposing to apply for a Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) grant to improve Long Beach Avenue in conjunction with these projects. Due to the amount of planned construction in that area it would be an opportune time to make additional road improvements to this section of Long Beach Avenue (State Route 1A).

The combined project history is as follows:

- On May 19, 2012 the voters approved \$350,000 to fund the drainage project just north of the Anchorage Hotel.
- On May 18, 2013 the voters approved \$350,000 to fund the drainage project just north of the Long Sands Bath House.
- On May 18, 2013 the voters approved \$687,000 for replacement and expansion of the Long Sands Bathhouse.
- On August 22, 2013 Mike Sullivan and Steve Burns both made presentations to the York Board of Selectmen on the condition of the existing bathhouse and the proposed project scope, project budget, project goals, project permitting and project management frame work.
- On September 23, 2013 the Board of Selectmen authorized town staff to put out a Request for Proposal for survey work for the three capital projects.
- On December 20, 2013 the Town of York solicited bids from Six Surveying companies.
- On Wednesday January 8, 2014 at 3:00 pm the Town opened bids for the Long Beach Avenue Survey. Six responsive bid proposals were received by the Town of York:
- On January 27, 2014 the Board of Selectmen awarded the Long Beach Avenue Existing Conditions Survey bid to North Easterly Surveying, Inc. in the amount of \$19,465.

To date the Parks, DPW & Community Developments have continued to discuss the coordination of the projects. DPW has also spoken with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) about the possibility and applicability of state funding through a Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) grant.

Included with the selectmen's action form are the proposed 2014 application for the Project, an aerial plan with a conceptual design that outlines the project limits and an engineer's estimate for the proposed new road improvements. I will have large display boards with the aerial plan for Monday night's discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$500,000
DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM ACCOUNTS:
BALANCE IN LINE ITEM IF APPROVED: \$500,000

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April 15, 2014

Mr. Kyle Hall
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Dear Mr. Hall:

The Town of York is hereby requesting consideration to be included in the MaineDOT's Municipal Partnership Initiative, to support a roadway improvement project on State Route 1A in York, adjacent to Long Sands Beach.

The project begins approximately 325 feet south of the State Route 1A/Juniper Road intersection (near the Sun and Surf Restaurant's driveway) and continues north on State Route 1A towards York Beach Village, along Long Beach Avenue, including Oceanside Avenue intersection and ending approximately 290 feet south of the State Route 1A/Nubble Road intersection. The total project length is approximately 1 mile. The Town will be acting as General Contractor for the project, to utilize Town crews for portions of the work, as well as Town bid prices for materials, and contracted services. The project involves full reconstruction (including drainage) of the State Route 1A/Oceanside Avenue intersection, leveling shim and overlay (outside reconstruction area), removing and resetting granite curbing, removing and replacing bituminous curbing with granite curbing, reconstructing or placing additional concrete and/or brick existing sidewalks (to bring new curb to grade), resetting existing CB grates/frames in overlay area, improving crosswalks with ADA ramps and restriping for lanes and parking spaces. In addition, the project involves drainage improvements to the existing pipes and outfall structures located approximately 600 feet north of the State Route 1A/Oceanside Avenue intersection and near the Sun and Surf Restaurant, as well as, reconstructing the bathhouse located on the seaward side of the State Route 1A/Oceanside Avenue intersection.

The Municipal Guide has been reviewed and responses to the individual details and criteria are provided in the attached fact sheet.

Your consideration and assistance in this project would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dean Lessard, P.E.
Director, Department of Public Works

Town of York – Route 1A Improvements (Long Beach Avenue)
MPI Grant Proposal Fact Sheet

Professional Engineer Certified:

The project was designed by CLD Consulting Engineers; plans are attached.

10-Year Useful Life:

Drainage infrastructure is designed for 50 – 75 year life span. Paving and sidewalk upgrades are designed for 10-20 years. The bathhouse life span is expected to be 50 – 75 years.

Deliverability:

The existing conditions survey and Right-of-Way mapping for the entire project are currently underway. The project design for the street, drainage and bathhouse reconstruction segments of the project are expected to be completed by late-2014, with construction in 2015. The remaining areas include roadway overlay and sidewalk reconstruction only by Town crews. Utility relocations will be coordinated during the project's design.

Public Involvement:

For the major drainage reconstruction projects and the bathhouse reconstruction project, the Town held public meetings before the Board of Selectmen for the warrant articles for project funding, and the projects were approved by voters in May 2012 and May 2013. Additional public meetings will be planned during the design phase of the project.

Betterment to the State Transportation System:

The project is located on State Route 1A, which connects U.S. Route 1 to beaches in York, and will significantly improve conditions on this State route. The existing drainage outfall systems are failing and have caused erosion and flooding conditions in the area. Pavement surface, sidewalks, and curbing have all lived useful lives. The project has also redesigned and improved pedestrian facilities to meet ADA standards, as well as enhance safety and traffic efficiency.

Multiple Party Agreements:

The Town will be the only party to the State agreement, and is willing to enter into agreements that the amount is capped.

Right-of-Way Acquisition:

The roadway segments of the project will be constructed within existing Right-of-Way. The bathhouse is located on public property and the proposed improvements will remain within public property. Portions of the culvert crossing/outfall portions of the project may require new or upgraded easements to construct, which will be obtained as the project design progresses. The Town is not seeking any reimbursement for Right-of-Way costs.

Project Selection Factors

Safety:

This project addresses a number of safety issues, as follows:

- **Flooding:** Over the last decade there have been significant flood events which have caused damage to public infrastructure, as well as private property, and have endangered both the integrity of the infrastructure as well as the safety of the traveling public. The drainage improvements included will provide a system designed for the 100-year flood events (per Town of York standards) and significantly reduce damage from major flood events.
- **Pedestrian safety:** A high volume of pedestrian/vehicle conflict points are located throughout the project. Providing ADA compliant crossings will increase safety for pedestrians. In addition, a complete network of fully accessible pedestrian facilities will allow for safe passage for tourists and residents throughout the year.
- **Paving conditions:** The condition of the pavement along this corridor is continuing to deteriorate. Pavement maintenance and, in some cases, replacement, is warranted to ensure integrity of the infrastructure over the next 10 years.
- **Intersection improvements:** There are several intersections along the corridor which have various issues. The project is implementing some pavement layout changes to better define travel lanes, and create visual cues for drivers to improve safety.

Economic Development and Job Creation:

This project will provide improved pedestrian access and traffic efficiency, as well as improve the facilities for public use at Long Sands Beach. This will create a more desirable tourist destination, which will help existing businesses, and promote new business in the immediate vicinity, as well as neighboring York Village to the south and Short Sands (York Beach) to the north. The project will also allow for the incorporation of improved access points for the York Trolley, which operates along this route during the summer season. In addition, it will create jobs for local contractors assisting the Town with construction.

Degree of Betterment:

This project will reduce maintenance for paving (pot-hole filling), improve conditions for winter maintenance (requiring less salt, smoother plowing), as well as significantly improve ride quality of the pavement, and implement intersection improvements that reduce conflict points.

Percentage of Local Match:

Bathhouse Reconstruction (Warrant #42 May 2013)	\$687,000	Local Match
Drainage Improvements-Long Beach Avenue (Warrant #42 May 2013)	\$350,000	Local Match
Drainage Improvements – Long Beach Avenue (Warrant #40 May 2012)	\$350,000	Local Match
Subtotal – Local Match	\$1,387,000	
<u>Roadway Reconstruction (See attached estimate)</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>MPI Funding</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$1,887,000	

Proposed Percentage of Local Match = 73.5%

Record of Requests:

Numerous verbal requests and inquiries have been made over the last 50 years.

Customer Benefit:

There is a huge benefit for the residents, business owners and visitors to the Town of York. Drainage improvements will reduce damage, injury and the inconvenience of flooding; roadway and pedestrian improvements will create a better flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and promote additional tourism by increasing public facilities. This area has significant pedestrian traffic at all times of the year, and especially during the summer season. In conclusion, the proposed project will improve safety and encourage growth in the Long Sands Beach area.

Prior MPI Awards:

- Route 1A Improvements (York Village) - 2012
- Route 1A Improvements (York Beach) - 2011