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Update and possible action on downtown sidewalk project

SUMMARY:
Councilmember Danny Wyatt has requested Tim Begley to provide an update on the downtown sidewalk project.

A map of all of the sidewalks to be replaced and comply with ADA standards for the Downtown Sidewalk Project is attached. This is basically the same area the City Council approved May 2015.

The City recently received comments from TDOT on the current sidewalk project. All comments have been addressed except for the intersection of Lantana Road (HW70 east) and Main Street. TDOT has noted that the signal pole base on the north western corner will be about one foot below the top of the sidewalk. A photograph of the pole base is attached. TDOT is requiring that this issue be fixed during this project or that the project is shortened. An estimate for the complete traffic signal rebuild will be available at the meeting. The estimate will include black mast-arm poles. Staff recommends that the City utilize the City's current STP (Surface Transportation) funds for this signal replacement and reallocate future STP funds for the Fourth Street and West Avenue traffic Signal. City Staff requires a direction from the Council on how to proceed on this issue.

The current total estimated construction cost for the sidewalk project with a new lighting system is $2,360,875.00. TDOT has requested that the roadway be restriped because of the timing of the project and the new gutters and $40,000.00 has been budgeted separately for this item.

The current draft construction time frame is as follows: Notice to Proceed Early July 2016, Construction Start Mid July, and Project Completed Mid November. It is believed that TDOT would then mill and repave Main Street April 2017. The draft schedule in its entirety is attached.

BUDGET ACCOUNT: 311-41920-931-002

NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION: Give City Staff direction on how to proceed with the project.