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TO: Mayor and Town Council

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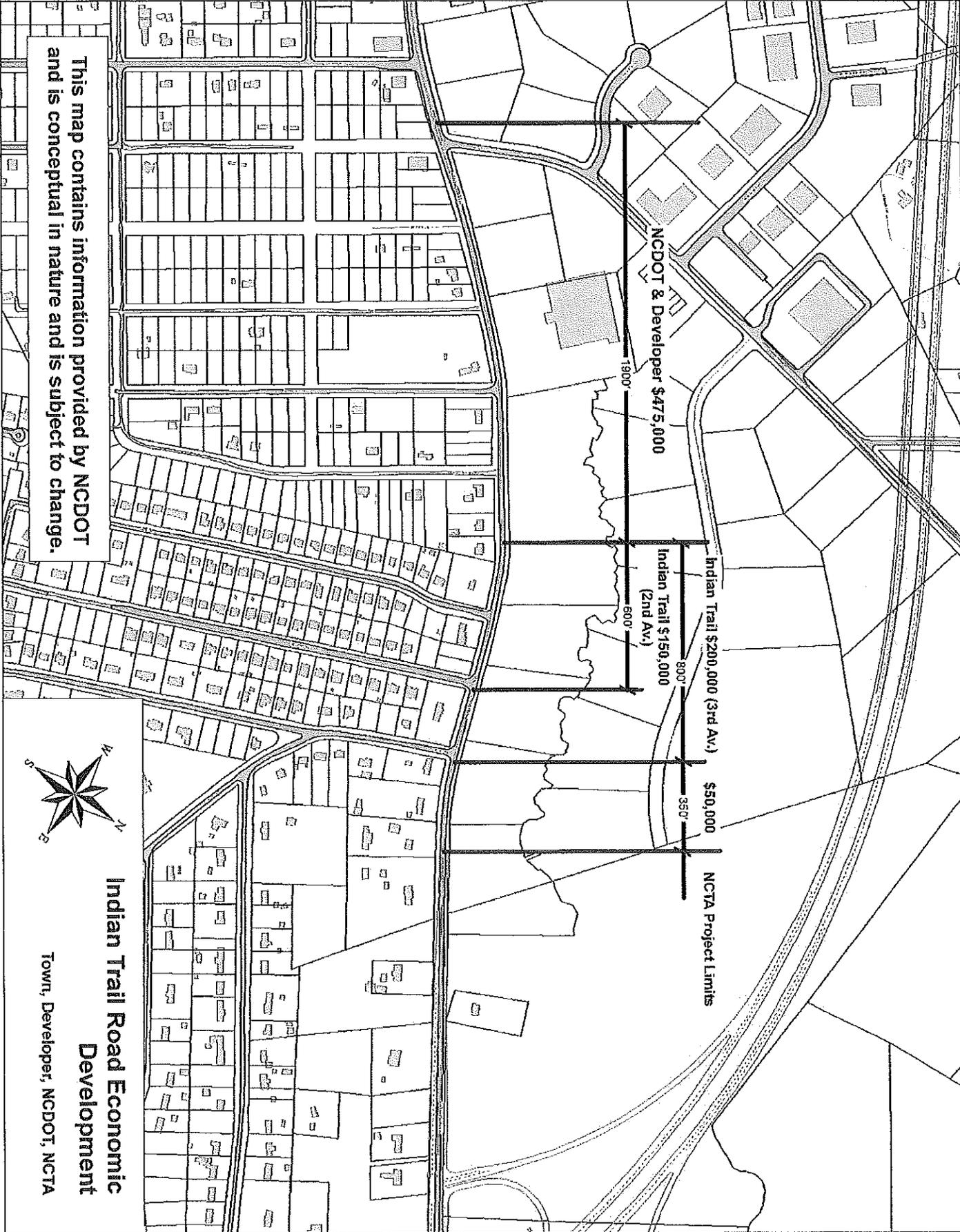
DATE: April 19, 2010

SUBJECT: NCDOT Economic Development Project

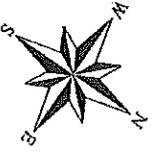
As we updated the Mayor and Town Council at the April 13th meeting, Town staff has been working with the NCDOT on an economic development project which could widen, pave, and add some other improvements on Indian Trail-Fairview Rd. Attached you will find a map that details the area of this improvement. Staff believes the improvements will directly enhance current business owners along this road, as well as being an economic development catalyst for the future development of the 'Old Hickory Industrial Park'. Staff has discussed this project with the developers of the 'Old Hickory Industrial Park' and they concur that this improvement will help in selling this industrial park to future tenants. NCDOT believes this project would be completed in this current construction season.

In the future, we believe this three lane improvement will be connected to the Bypass which could be completed in the next few years. The turnpike (NCTA) plans indicate that the end of our current proposed project will terminate close to the end of their proposed project. Staff believes that when the turnpike (NCTA) completes its project we may have the opportunity to work with them to connect the projects.

At this point, NCDOT has indicated that it would give a grant for this project of approximately \$400,000-\$450,000. This NCDOT grant, along with committed \$75,000 of private funds, would complete the first portion of this project. NCDOT has requested that the Town assist with matching funds to maximize the overall project efficiency.



This map contains information provided by NCDOT and is conceptual in nature and is subject to change.



Indian Trail Road Economic Development

Town, Developer, NCDOT, NCTA

Recommendation:

Staff is recommending that the Mayor and Town Council consider three options:

Option #1:

With a Town contribution out of our Town Street Fund of \$150,000 we could extend this project by approximately 500-700 ft toward the future connecting point. This could leave us approximately 450 to 650 ft short of the future connection point with the Bypass. This could vary depending on the actual bid award. However, we are being conservative in our estimates. It's also important to mention that Town will not have to pay for any typical engineering or project administration costs throughout this project.

Option #2:

With a Town contribution out of our Town Street Fund of \$200,000 we could extend this project by approximately 700-900 ft toward the future connect point. This would leave us approximately 100 to 350 ft short of the future connection point with the Bypass. This could vary depending on the actual bid award. However, we are being conservative in our estimates. It's also important to mention that Town will not have to pay for any typical engineering or project administration costs throughout this project.

Option #3:

The third option is to decline to participate in this collaborative infrastructure project. The NCDOT has indicated it would still complete a project in this area. However, the design and investment would probably be bare minimum. Staff believes that because NCDOT is giving funds to this project and more importantly taking care of all the administrative and design costs for this project that we can best maximize our funds by choosing either Option 1 or Option 2. Also, this gives the Town the ability to be proactive in its infrastructure investment and assist with economic development of this industrial park. Staff also believes that if these improvements are not made at this time, then after the turnpike (NCTA) is completed we will have to make these same improvements at that time, but the project could cost more at a later time.

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