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**Subject:** RE: Updates on Merrimon Avenue, Reparations Commission Commitment Agreement, and Memorial Stadium East End/Valley Street Community Meeting Meeting

Kim â€“ Answering your questions in the same order

1. I defer to Maggieâ€™s records on I-26, I donâ€™t recall and some pre-dates me.
2. I asked Debra to talk to staff to help us understand what DOTâ€™s expectation is about councilâ€™s official role in the Merrimon process.Â Do they require that we take a position or pass a resolution before they make a decision?
3. Regardless of whether DOT requires that council take a position, which I kind of doubt they will, you could ask council whether they support this idea or not.Â Personally I would like to hear what the public has to say about the project before voting on a resolution.Â I think weâ€™ll have that feedback in short order.

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Debra, Ken, Maggie, Brad, Esther, and Gwen,  
Update: Merrimon Ave

Upon process review, I have a few questions regarding the three points Debra offered:

1. If it is unusual for Council to provide public input as an independent actor during public comment period, what are some examples of when we have? I know Council provided official support/opposition/input on I-26, did Council/staff provide it for the potential expansion of Merrimon a few years ago? Perhaps Maggie could record if we did?
2. I'm taking that we're being advised to not to engage officially during the comment period. If we are not on the public record during the comment period, what does the process look like to wait until after the comment period?
3. My suggestion would be for Council to pass a resolution in support during the comment period in lieu of waiting until it closes. Another option could be to request a letter from staff, but a proactive approach is my preference.

MMTC and the Bike/Ped task force have recommended support to Council. I look forward to hearing updates and opportunities to support next steps in this process.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kim

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**From:** **Debra Campbell** <dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov>  
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Good morning Mayor and Council. I am writing to update you all on a few items that are relatively time sensitive.

**Merrimon Avenue**

You recently received a request from Councilmember Roney to have a resolution on Council's 3/22 agenda regarding Merrimon Avenue.

Based on my conversations with Transportation staff, they recommend that Council not take any action on this proposed project at this time for the following reasons:

1. The online opinion survey about this project doesn't end until March 21. It would be highly unusual for Council to go on record about a proposed project prior to receiving the survey results.
2. As per staff conversations with NCDOT, it will likely take some time to process the results of the survey which hopefully will be used to help inform the final project design.
3. This is an NCDOT project and staff isn't certain what action, if any, will be needed from Council. If any action is required or requested it will likely be April or May.

**Reparations Commission Commitment Agreement**

In our last check in there was some concern expressed about the Commitment Agreement and when it would be shared with either potential or nominated candidates to the Commission. I was asked to discuss this matter with the Vice Mayor and we invited Brenda Mills to attend.

We decided the Agreement should be included and discussed by the Commission members as part of their orientation and establishment of their ground rules. Hopefully this document will provide the members with useful information to begin the discussion of the desired commitment needed to make this Committee's work successful.

**Memorial Stadium East End/Valley Street Community Meeting**

As you know, the East End/Valley Street community has graciously agreed to add Parks and Recreation staff to their regularly scheduled meeting agenda to discuss improvements to Memorial Stadium.

Hopefully you have received the link to this virtual meeting from Maggie but if you haven't received it and wish to join the meeting, please contact me or Maggie.

Staff will send the information to be shared with the community to you by close of business on Wednesday 3/9.

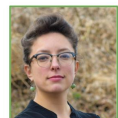
If you have further questions or concerns about any of these items, please contact me.

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