

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 02, 2014

MEMO TO: Ruffin Hall
City Manager

FROM: Chris McGee, Transportation Field Services Manager

SUBJECT: Budget Note 06 – NCDOT Funding for Street Resurfacing

At the May 20, 2014 Council Meeting, Council Member Weeks requested a budget note concerning the availability of federal infrastructure money or other resources for resurfacing state roads and how the City of Raleigh might encourage NCDOT and the Legislature to pursue resurfacing our city streets more aggressively. The following memo outlines the funding processes used by NCDOT.

NCDOT receives funding from the gas tax, a variety of bonds and other federal legislation such as ARRA (American Recovery Reinvestment Act). Once the state receives these funds, some are tied to specific projects or specific types of work, other than resurfacing. The funds that are available for resurfacing are distributed to the fourteen NCDOT Divisions via the Board of Transportation and the Legislature.

Once the division receives their portion of resurfacing funds, these funds are further distributed to the districts. Raleigh is in Division 5, District 1, which is comprised of all of Wake County. The local district engineer and the county maintenance engineer(s) are then responsible for how the resurfacing funds are spent throughout Wake County. They must evaluate streets in all municipalities as well as the roads in rural areas. NCDOT uses the same process to evaluate street conditions throughout Wake County and subsequently determine which streets will be resurfaced.

Over the past 5 years, Glenwood Avenue, Wade Avenue, New Bern Avenue and Millbrook Road have been resurfaced by NCDOT. These were all major expenses to the NCDOT resurfacing program. Currently, the city is encouraging NCDOT to consider a resurfacing project for Wake Forest Road for next year.

Because decisions are made at the division and district levels, we are not aware of any special funding available to the city or any leverage that we may have concerning NCDOT and their expenditure of resurfacing funds.