Why was the proposed alternative selected over others?:

The selected alternative resulted in the least amount of right-ofway impacts and a lower cost with less construction duration.

Not completing this project was considered by CM and the City. This was ruled out due to citizen comments requesting a safe north south route in this region of our city.

Why is the proposed project a priority to your small city? Use project details to support your response.:

The Knox Village Square is a significant trip generator for the City. From some parts of the City, most traffic traveling to/from the Knox Village Square uses a cut-through route of residential neighborhood streets. These routes were not designed to be major thoroughfares carrying significant volumes of through traffic. Numerous short and long-term fixes have been proposed in the area, but none of these solutions have been implemented to address the overarching connectivity issue. For this reason, it was recommended that long-term connectivity improvements through the City be considered. This includes the long-term goal of improving Edgewood Road from Gambier Road to US-36. This includes roadway widening, the addition of curb/gutter, storm sewer, and a wide sidewalk along Edgewood Road. This project will benefit pedestrians, cyclists, local drivers, and nonlocal drivers.

The roadway and waterline will continue to degrade, drainage issues will persist, drivers will continue to utilize the residential neighborhood streets as a cut-through route, pedestrians/cyclists will be forced to share the roadway with vehicles.

What are the forecasted impacts if this project is not awarded funding?:

CM and the City will look for alternative funding sources if not funded by Small City Congestion Mitigation Funds. As indicated, this project is already partially funded by Small Cities and CORPO, so it will move forward in some capacity if this Congestion Mitigation funding is not awarded.

This is a priority project to help plan for existing and Intel related traffic.

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