

# **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

## ***Finance Committee***

### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Radnor Township – County Line Road Traffic Study

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#### **I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:**

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorization to participate with Radnor Township to fund a County Line Road Traffic Study examining intersections in the corridor extending from County Line Road and Lancaster Avenue to the Haverford Road/County Line Road/Landover Road intersection with the Lower Merion Township cost share at \$22,705.

#### **II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:**

Intergovernmental Cooperative agreements require Board of Commissioners authorization.

#### **III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable): N/A**

#### **IV. Other Relevant Background Information:**

The attached engineering consultant proposal from the Radnor Township traffic engineer to Radnor Township is for a traffic study of the County Line Road corridor extending from County Line Road and Lancaster Avenue to the Haverford Road/County Line Road/Landover Road intersection. The objective of the study is to identify improvements that could reduce traffic congestion in this corridor, as well as, reduce cut through traffic from County Line Road to Lancaster Avenue using Lower Merion residential streets.

Lower Merion Township officials including traffic engineer Brian Keaveney met with Radnor Township officials and provided input into the scope of services. Radnor Township officials agreed to modify the scope to reflect the comments and their consultant Gilmore Engineers modified the scope accordingly. If Lower Merion Township determines to participate it would be via an agreement with Radnor Township while Radnor would contract directly with their traffic engineer. If the Board of Commissioners decides to participate Lower Merion will obtain the corridor traffic study for slightly less than half the cost.

#### **V. Impact On Township Finances:**

The cost proposal is for \$47,800. Radnor Township is requesting that Lower Merion share 50% of the cost however that should be 50% after any Haverford Township contribution is factored.

The scope incorporates 10 intersections including the County Line/Haverford/Landover intersection which is shared by Haverford Township, Radnor Township and Lower Merion. Division of the \$47,800 cost by intersection would equal \$4,780 each. If each intersection cost is shared 50/50 then the appropriate contribution from Haverford Township would be \$2,390.

At the County Line/Haverford/Landover intersection Haverford Township has 1/2, Radnor Township has 1/4 and Lower Merion has 1/4 of the intersection. So Lower Merion Township shares 9.25 intersections, Radnor shares 9.25 and Haverford shares .5 intersections. Using that allocation Haverford Township should pay \$2,390 and then Radnor and Lower Merion would split the remaining cost of \$45,410 or \$22,705 each.

This is not a specifically budgeted expense but the Township's general budget for engineering costs could certainly accommodate the \$22,705 expense if the Board of Commissioners decides to participate in the study.

## **VI. Staff Recommendation:**

Recommendation is that the Board of Commissioners approve participation with Radnor Township to fund a County Line Road Traffic Study with the Lower Merion Township cost share at \$22,705.