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Update on process to Develop Design Guidelines and Amendments to the MAC Zone Regulations. **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**:

At its September 17, 2018 meeting, the Town Council voted to temporarily suspend the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone for 270 days to provide staff time to develop design guidelines and related MAC amendments. The moratorium went into effect on September 30, 2018 and ends on June 27, 2019. This past fall citizens provided input through the visual preference survey which is the basis for creating the preliminary draft design guidelines and future amendments to the MAC Zone regulations.

Preceding this action, the Planning Commission and Town Council held two joint work sessions on May 23 and June 27, 2018, on proposed recommendations of the MAC ad hoc committee to amend the MAC Zone. The Planning Commission also held a public hearing and made a recommendation on several amendments to the MAC Zone on August 8, 2018. Those amendments have not yet been forwarded to the Town Council for consideration; rather, they will be considered with other proposed amendments to the MAC Zone.

At the direction of the Mayor, an ad hoc committee was formed in spring of 2018 to research and develop potential amendments to the MAC Zone that would ensure future mixed use developments would not result in a loss of commercial activity along the corridor, but rather provide a balanced mix of housing, office and retail uses as was envisioned when the MAC Zone was formed.

OVERVIEW: Staff will provide an update on the process to develop design guidelines and proposed amendments to the MAC Zone.