

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Hillsboro St. Decorative Crosswalks

DATE: October 28, 2013

Background: The Board has discussed adding decorative crosswalk treatments to existing Hillsboro Street crosswalk locations – four (4) locations at the traffic circle, as well as the intersections of Thompson/Hillsboro and Salisbury and Hillsboro.

This past summer, Staff researched two (2) options. The first option creates decorative asphalt by stamping the concrete with a brick pattern and spraying a color coating over the stamped pattern. The second option creates a decorative pattern on the asphalt by laying a brick-textured heated plastic tape over the asphalt and color coating the material. The effect would be similar to the example in the picture below:



Staff obtained three (3) estimates to perform the work described above and received overall low bids from CATX located in Winston Salem. Different patterns are available (see attached detail sheet). The costs are adjustable based on the desired size and area. For example, the cross-walk areas described above would cost approximately \$96,000 including white borders (assuming 6' width).

Staff approached the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on October 21, 2013 to determine their interest in sharing the cost of the decorative crosswalks. They do not appear they are willing to participate at this time.

The essential question at this point is whether you want to assume the full cost of the decorative cross walks. You might also consider scaling back the areas for treatment in order to reduce cost – for example, limiting cross walk treatments to the Thompson and Salisbury crossings or the traffic circle crossings.

Action Requested: Discuss and direct Staff, if appropriate.