

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Capital Projects and Other Updates
January 14, 2013

PROJECT: Hillsboro St Water Main Transmission Line Replacement Project

UPDATE: *(Please see weekly progress report from Becky Smith, Hydrostructures)

Upon resuming after the holidays, the project continued into the downtown and the traffic circle with relatively few problems. A temporary asphalt overlay was rolled over the affected roadway in an attempt to make driving a little smoother. Travelers experienced some congestion, but construction proceeded safely and without any surprises. Street sweepers are cleaning dust and clay from downtown Hillsboro St each Friday morning in order to minimize dust.

PROJECT: Improvements on 15/501 at Springdale Drive

UPDATE: I forwarded signed copies of an "Encroachment Agreement" and the "Street and Driveway Access Permit Application" to NCDOT to get State approval to make improvements on 15/501. Staff has reviewed and approved design plans for the intersection improvements. Mr. Messick has continued to work with the Chatham HOA to receive actual signed documents with regard to assurances on payments for the street improvements.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension (Chatham Business Park Drive to White's Trailer Park Entrance) – CMAQ Grant

UPDATE: The Project Agreement for the sidewalk extension will be reviewed by the Town Board on 1/14/13. If approved, Staff will secure an engineering estimate and get approvals from NCDOT/CMAQ to begin design work.

PROJECT: Hire Town Engineer

UPDATE: Board of Commissioners will review an updated recommendation on relocated office space outside of Town Hall on 1/14/13. Once this decision is made, Planning Staff will relocate their offices in preparation of including the soon to be hired Town Engineer in the move. Meanwhile, I have been reducing the possible list of candidates with the idea to begin interviews in January 2013. Ideally, the new Town Engineer could begin work in a new office by early late-February 2013.

PROJECT: FY 2013-2014 Budget

UPDATE: Staff met on 1/9/13 to review the budget timeline and establish basic expectations for submitting their budget requests. In essence, I am asking folks to remain conservative in their requests, but to provide prioritized detail for capital items, where appropriate. I am looking forward to Board discussion on expected priorities during this process – beginning with the upcoming Budget Retreat session currently scheduled for 1/19/13.

PROJECT: Chief Collins Retirement

UPDATE: Chief Collins has submitted a letter of resignation for his retirement, effective 2/1/13. My intention is to name an Interim Director, while seeking a certain amount Board, Staff and community involvement to name his successor. To this point, I have already shared a number of revelatory conversations with Staff, Board and a few citizens. I look forward to continuing this conversation.