

Town of Pittsboro
Status of Projects and Other News
September 8, 2014

PROJECT: Pittsboro Downtown Vision Plan

UPDATE: We have received written confirmation from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that the first four (4) elements of the Vision Plan has been approved for \$235,000 of design work and preparation of construction drawings. In a nutshell, the work would involve improvements around the traffic circle as well as the northwest, northeast and southwest corners – curbs, landscaping, narrowing pavement to 24', new splitter island and new crosswalks. The design work will provide firmer cost estimates. I am awaiting instructions on how NCDOT wishes to proceed.

PROJECT: Street Resurfacing

UPDATE: Staff will be opened bids on August 12, 2014 to resurface the following streets: Alston St., Credle St. (Hanks-Launis), Gail St., Honeysuckle Dr. and Rectory St. As you might recall, the streets proposed for resurfacing were given high priority ratings by the Pavement Condition Survey conducted in December 2013. \$111,438 in Powell Bill funds were budgeted in the current fiscal year. Raleigh Paving was awarded the contract in the amount of \$86,000. As a result of the lower than expected bid, we are working with Raleigh Paving to repair Hanks Street (from Hillsboro to Credle). Raleigh Paving completing repaving on Alston St and Gail Street. The remainder of the streets are expected to be repaved on during the week of September 15.

PROJECT: NC 87/Elementary School Rd Sidewalk

UPDATE: Summit Engineering noted a few issues with the NCDOT right of way. They are seeking some clarification, but we are expecting to bid the project in September. Staff was also notified by NCDOT that the Town can receive a grant (Strategic Transportation Investment (STI)) to construct an additional sidewalk on Pittsboro Elementary School Road from NC87 to the school. NCDOT will be sending a grant agreement for an 80%/20% grant to help cover the costs. We expect the Town's contribution to be provided by Powell Bill funds on hand in the amount of \$10,000.

PROJECT: East Street Sidewalk Extension

UPDATE: Bids were opened for the construction of the sidewalk on August 28. The apparent low bidder is \$24,000 higher than the original. Staff is presenting options and a possible Budget Amendment that, if approved, would complete the entirety of the sidewalk installation through additional funds from Powell Bill. The CMAQ grant is required to be spent by June 30, 2015.