

Agenda Item: Set Public Hearing for Motion 2018-A, Revisions to Downtown Master Plan Regarding Alignment of Andrew Caroline Drive

DATE: May 23, 2018
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Background/Issue:

- Several years ago, a concept drawing was prepared to show a potential alignment for Andrew Caroline Drive (a Town street) to continue from its current short stub off N Trade St next to Mecklenburg Medical through Novant hospital property and then curving through a single-family property (Funderburk homesite) to connect to Matthews-Mint Hill Road directly across from the "T" end of Matthews Station Street.
- While a viable option, staff and surrounding property owners have recently discussed an alternative alignment which still connects this future street from N Trade to Matthews-Mint Hill Road, but reduces the amount of curvature and stays on the edge of the Novant hospital campus site. (See comparison drawings, attached.)
- All impacted property owners agree this revised layout seems a better solution.
- The alignment for Andrew Caroline Drive has never been part of any adopted transportation document, but it does show up several times in the Downtown Master Plan and once in the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan.

Proposal/Solution:

- To eliminate the older version of the conceptual alignment from any Town-adopted plans or policies, staff has reviewed the Downtown Master Plan and the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan and found each page where a text and/or graphics change could be updated.
- There are 9 pages total to be revised – 8 in the Downtown Master Plan and 1 in the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan.
- All directly impacted property owners have already been made aware this Motion is being initiated, and additional surrounding property owners will be notified once a public hearing date has been set.
- Planning Board reviewed these proposed changes at their meeting on May 22. At that time they recommended approval of the changes as presented, and recommended Town Board schedule a public hearing for June 25.
- Town Board can act on Motion 2018-A at the same meeting following the hearing, since the Planning Board has already reviewed and made their recommendation about it to the Board.
- Although this is not the usual calendar meeting date for planning-related actions, this time line is necessary to coincide with encumbering funding for a multi use path project given to the Town last year by the General Assembly.

Financial Impact:

Potential to place \$500,000 grant for sidewalks in downtown in jeopardy if this action is not taken on the requested schedule.

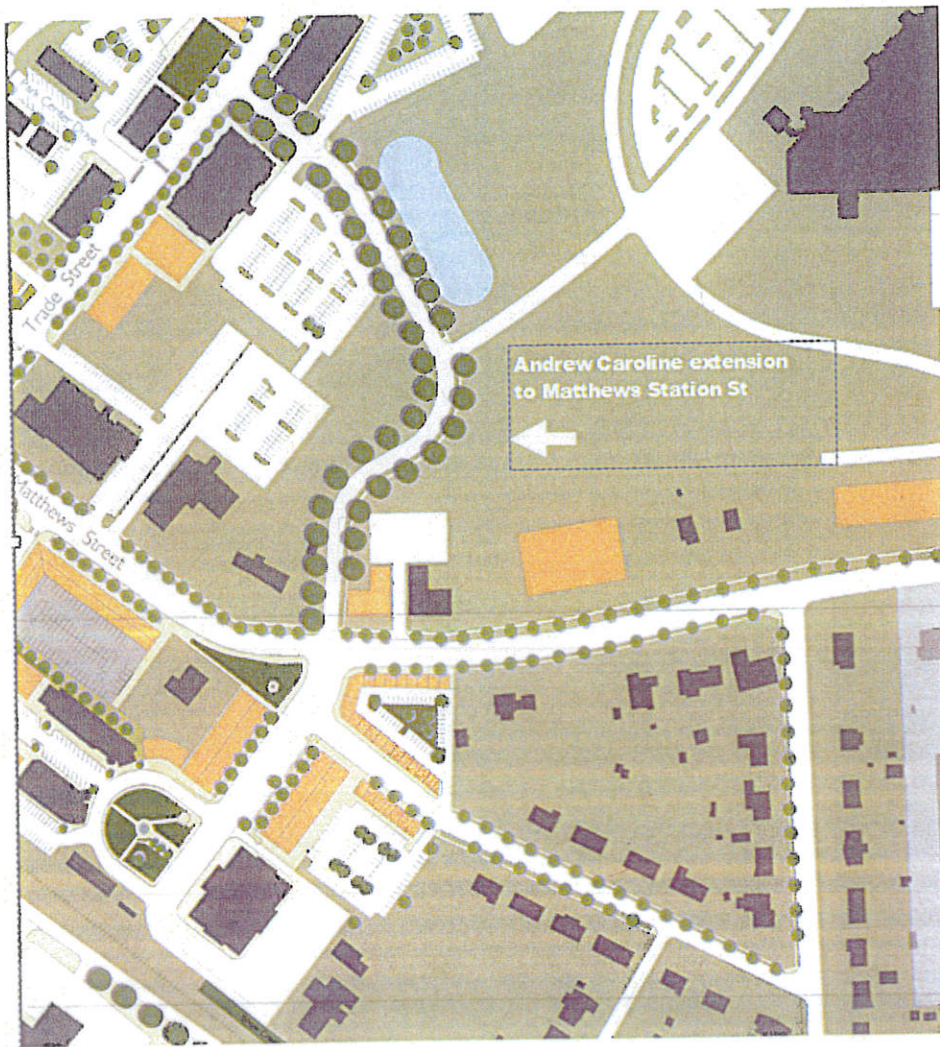
Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:

Quality of Life
Economic Development/Land Use Planning
Transportation

Recommended Motion/Action:

Schedule a public hearing for Motion 2018-A on June 25, 2018.

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Andrew Caroline Drive
Alignment as currently shown in Downtown Master Plan



Andrew Caroline Drive
Alignment as proposed in Motion 2018-A