

January 14, 2019

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RE: U-4714 E John St

Dear Scott,

The Town of Matthews appreciates NCDOT's investment in transportation infrastructure in and near the Town of Matthews. The U-4714 E John St/Old Monroe Rd project has been an ongoing source of tension in the community and we are striving to resolve citizens issues. As such, the Town convened a working group to tackle issues the citizens have with the revised NCDOT design. While the group developed consensus points around design aspects of the project, the focus was, "What do we do next?"

At the December 10, 2018, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board voted to request NCDOT to delay the Matthews portion of the U-4714 project. Delaying the project achieves multiple goals:

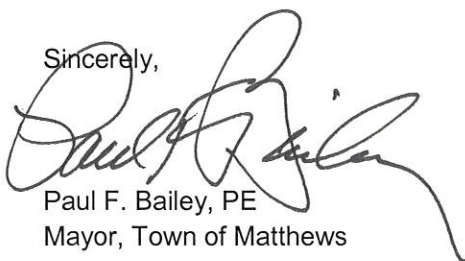
1. Provides more time to work on the design details discussed by the Town's working group including the potential for a reduced typical section;
2. Enables other projects near John Street to be completed; and
3. Focuses NCDOT staff time available for these other important projects;
4. Allows traffic to rebalance after other roadway improvements provide better alternative routes.

Additionally, in an email to you dated December 6, 2018, from Public Works Director CJ O'Neill, the Town proposed a plan for NCDOT to re-prioritize major projects in Matthews based on need and staggering construction so that all main arteries are not a construction zone at the same time. Ideally one project would finish then the other start up except for the first two which could be started simultaneously due to U-4713A being on new alignment. Additionally, the U-5007 project could be completed before U-4714 without significant impact. That proposed plan includes:

1. I-5507- I-485 Widening (including the Weddington Rd. interchange)
2. U-4713A - McKee Rd. A
3. U-2509 - Independence Blvd. Widening and Express Lanes (parallel roads to be built first)
4. U-5763 - NC51 Widening from Sardis Rd to Monroe Rd
5. U-4714 - Each John St/Old Monroe Widening
6. U-5007 - NC51 Widening from Matthews Mint Hill Rd. to Lawyers Rd

I look forward to discussing these items with the NCDOT in the near future.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Bailey, PE  
Mayor, Town of Matthews