



DRAFT - Resolution 2019-XX
REQUESTING NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER
IMPROVEMENTS/CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY 115/DAVIDSON/POTTS STREETS
ROUNDBOUT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS (U-5873)

WHEREAS, one of the Town of Davidson's core values states that citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit; and

WHEREAS, one of the Town of Davidson's core values states, "Davidson's traditional character is that of a small, historic college town, so land planning will reflect its historic patterns of village-centered growth including connection of neighborhoods, preservation of our historic resources, conservation of rural area, and provision of public spaces."; and

WHEREAS, one of the Davidson Board of Commissioner's strategic plan priorities is mobility/transportation stating the town will enable citizens to move freely throughout town via transit, car, bicycle, and on foot; and

WHEREAS, one of the Davidson Board of Commissioner's strategic plan priorities is to preserve historically significant structures to retain our authenticity as a historic, small college town.; and

WHEREAS, one of the themes from the Town of Davidson's comprehensive plan states the town will provide sustainable and healthy choices for transportation, food, and energy use; and

WHEREAS, the intersection improvement project in Cornelius at the intersection of Highway 115, Davidson Street, and Potts Street is an important improvement project for Davidson; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson Mayor and Board of Commissioners supports the intersection improvement project in Cornelius and offer the following specific improvements/changes for consideration for the U-5873 project to mitigate the design impacts on the private properties, on the southern gateway into town, and to the character of Davidson:

1. Ensure the roundabout design and geometry makes for the least impact (e.g. right of way width, tree loss, etc.) on the properties along highway 115 in Davidson north of the railroad trestle.
2. Reduce the width of the sidewalk to 5 feet along the front of the properties at 497, 511, and 523 South Main Street and reduce the right of way impacts accordingly.
3. Request additional landscaping and other aesthetic improvements on and around the retaining wall facing the Green School property.

4. Relocate and reinstall the entrance sign and rock wall to replicate the character of the southern gateway into Davidson.
5. Replace the guardrail with a more aesthetically-designed guardrail that blends into the setting.
6. Create a landscaping plan in conjunction with the town that mitigates any tree and landscaping loss by adding and/or replacing where appropriate.

Adopted on the XXth day of _____, 2019

Rusty Knox, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk