

Davidson-Concord Road & Hwy 73 Intersection Project

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Doug Wright, Public Works Director

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Re: Davidson-Concord Road & Hwy 73 Intersection Project

1. OVERVIEW

The right-turn movement from Davidson-Concord Rd onto Highway 73 is compromised by vehicles in the left-turn queue waiting for the traffic signal. Drivers have created an ad hoc extended right-turn lane, which is gravel. Formally extending and improving the right-turn lane will provide a safer and more efficient intersection.

The NCDOT improvements plans for Highway 73 include the intersection with Davidson-Concord Rd. However, these improvements are not projected to be completed until 2026. Cost-effective improvements can provide an interim solution that will benefit a large number of residents using this intersection on a daily basis.

2.RELATED TOWN GOALS

Core values:

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.

Strategic Plan:

Mobility/Transportation Goal: the town of Davidson will enable citizens to move freely throughout town via transit, car, bicycle, and on foot.

Constituent served:

All citizens. Visitors passing through town.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

There are 2 options: Option 1: Do nothing.

Option 2:

Approve the proposed project and appropriate the funds from fund balance of up to \$50,000 for design.

Here are the pros and cons of option 2: Pros: Would improve the intersection in the interim.

<u>Cons:</u> Cost to be considered.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

5. NEXT STEPS

If approved, will start design process with the NCDOT and Kimley-Horn.