



Grey Road Sidewalk Project

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Wright, Public Works Director
Date: May 14, 2019
Re: Grey Road Sidewalk Project

1. OVERVIEW

The town has completed design for a sidewalk on Grey Road, and funded the project at \$500,000. The project is shovel-ready. Grey Road is under the jurisdiction of the NCDOT and all improvements must be approved by the department.

The NCDOT does not accept the stormwater design we have submitted. We are not able to cost-effectively revise the design. The NCDOT offers the town the opportunity to proceed, if the town accepts maintenance of Grey Road into our system (the portion located within our jurisdiction).

When the town accepts streets into our system, we receive Powell Bill (gas tax revenues) funds for maintenance. However, Powell Bill revenues do not cover the cost of maintaining the town road system, and we (and most others) allocate capital funds for road maintenance to supplement Powell Bill.

Accepting Grey Road into our system is a long-term obligation. However, the sidewalk is an essential safety enhancement that will provide long-term benefit.

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.

Constituent served:

Residents, pedestrians using Grey Road.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

There are 2 options:

Option 1:

Do nothing.

Option 2:

Approve a resolution accepting Grey Road into the town maintenance system.

Here are the pros and cons of option 2:

Pros:

Would allow the town to proceed with a valuable safety enhancement, that has wide support. Would give the town control over Grey Road within our jurisdiction in the future.

Cons:

Long-term maintenance obligation

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

5. NEXT STEPS

If approved, staff will initiate sidewalk project bidding.