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AMERICAN TOBACCO TRAIL (Phase E)UPDATE

From NC 54 south to Chatham County Line

PURPOSE:

This is just a brief update of the activity regarding the American Tobacco Trail (ATT) and the status of construction documents. It is the mission of the Public Works to ensure that the community is well educated on the status of these plans so they can see the dream realized.

OVERVIEW

This trail is being constructed with the assistance of Federal funding. Federal funding mandates that all approvals be acquired prior to releasing the project for bids. These approvals can be broken down into three (3) basic categories and they are:

1. **Right-of-Way(ROW)/Access** – DONE. All ROW, easements and licenses have been acquired. This allowed the Federal Funds of \$4.7 million dollars to be set aside for this project.
2. **Categorical Exclusion** – DONE. This is the sign-off from various State agencies. This has been acquired.
3. **Construction Plan Approval and Permits** – from governmental agencies including NCDOT and the City. The breakdown below gives more details:
 - a. NCDOT trail construction plans were submitted to NCDOT on 9-07-2010. The following units have been contacted and their review status of the plans:
 - Hydro Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Traffic Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Geotechnical Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Division 5 Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Lighting/Electrical – approved 10/21/2010
 - b. NCDOT bridge plans were submitted to NCDOT 9-10-2010. These are the “90% plans” to make sure that the design in on target with NCDOT. Comments received on 9-29-2010.
 - No major design comments.
 - NCDOT asking about the paint used on the bridge and maintenance. Paint specifications were emailed to NCDOT on 10-7 for more detailed review.
 - c. Designer resubmitted to City plans 10-20-2010- calculations pending.