

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING

Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
N.C. Department of Transportation
Asheville Design Center
April 17, 2019

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a joint meeting with the Town of Sylva Planning Board, N.C. Department of Transportation and Asheville Design Center on April 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Jackson County Library, Sylva, N.C.

PRESENT: Lynda Sossamon, Mayor
Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner
Greg McPherson, Commissioner
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Jake Scott, Public Works Director

N. C. Department of Transportation

Brian Burch
Jonathan Woodard

Asheville Design Center/Traffic Planning & Design

Chris Joyell
Kristy Carter
Rachael Bronson
Christy Stout

ABSENT: Barbara Hamilton, Commissioner
Harold Hensley, Commissioner
David Nestler, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Bryson, Assistant Police Chief and Aimee Watson, Lieutenant Detective.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the joint meeting was for the Asheville Design Center to present their findings on pedestrian walkways and bike lanes on the Highway 107 road construction project.

Chris Joyell, with the ADC, opened the meeting and reviewed information presented at prior meetings.

Christy Stout, with Traffic Planning and Design, discussed the plan design for pedestrian walkways and bike lanes.

1. Recap of “who designed that”
2. Where does the effort stand?

Rachael Bronson reviewed different options for pedestrian paths and bike lanes.

1. Separated bike lane is the most preferred for Sylva based on federal guidelines
 - a. Too many constraints to have this option including price, land and material.
2. Buffered bike lane is the next best option
 - a. There would be no vertical separation, less costly, reduced maintenance burden, reduced right-of-way
 - b. Not recommended from federal guidelines
3. Standard bike lane with shared lane arrows
 - a. This option is not recommended

Although, not highly recommended by federal guidelines, the buffered bike lane is the most practical for the Highway 107 construction project. There are enhancements that can be made in the future for long-term success.

Pedestrian paths at the intersections of NC107 and US 23 and NC107 and were reviewed. The next steps for the Asheville Design Center will be to look at crossing recommendations at intersections and prepare a final report for NCDOT and the Town of Sylva.

ADJOURNMENT: *Being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Chris Joyell.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk