

# Town of *Harrisburg* North Carolina



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Dear Harrisburg Resident,

As your Mayor and Town Council, we take our responsibility as advocates for Harrisburg residents and business owners very seriously. We continue to hear your concerns related to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) road and rail projects in the area, and we know that for most of us, it's much more than just a minor inconvenience. For those who live, work, or travel through town, the impacts affect us on a daily basis.

## **Actions Taken by the Town of Harrisburg**

All Town road work, with the exception of work on residential streets, is funded, managed, and controlled by NCDOT. With that having been said, although the scope of this project is outside of our control, in an effort to keep you up to date we are constantly striving to pass along any information that is available to us, while working with NCDOT to coordinate local road priorities and needs. When first notified in 2010 of NCDOT's plans for \$100 million of infrastructure improvements in Harrisburg, your Town Council and Mayor, as well as many past elected officials, began working with NCDOT-Highway & Rail Divisions, the NC Department of Commerce and our State Legislators—the first such collaboration in the state. Fortunately, our proactive approach and negotiations resulted in several key improvements for our residents that were not part of the original plans including the following:

- Addition of a four-lane bridge which will connect Stallings Rd. to Roberta Rd., helping to reduce congestion while providing connectivity through the middle part of town.
- Installation of sidewalks/bicycle lanes on Caldwell and Roberta Rd. bridges.
- Installation of sidewalk/bicycle lanes to connect residential development to Caldwell Rd. bridge.
- Postponement of Robinson Church Rd. closing until Roberta and Caldwell Rd. bridges open.
- Addition of dedicated Hwy. 49 access to our Town's two largest employers, Saddle Creek Corp. and JHE, eliminating tractor trailer traffic on Shamrock and Pharr Mill Roads.
- Secure traffic officers at key intersections during high-volume traffic periods.
- Advocating for traffic signals at key intersections: Robinson Church/Tom Query, Caldwell/Tom Query & Stallings/Hickory Ridge, while securing additional funding from developer and state for Robinson Church/Tom Query. We are still in the process of advocating for full funding and construction.
- Assessing future plans for a direct connection between Roberta Rd. and Hickory Ridge Rd.

## **Public Safety Measures**

Public safety is always critically important, and the Harrisburg Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, and county EMS personnel are working closely with NCDOT to monitor construction and related closures to maintain emergency response times and ensure the highest levels of service

throughout the duration of road and rail construction projects.

-The Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office is maintaining incident response times by stationing multiple patrol

cars on the north and south sides of rail construction and road closures.

-The Harrisburg Fire Department has enacted mutual aid agreements with three fire departments outside town limits to increase coverage and maintain response times. These fire departments will be automatically dispatched to incidents based on need and availability. A fourth fire department is available on request as needed but is not automatically dispatched.

-The EMS unit stationed at Harrisburg Fire Station #2 on Rocky River Rd. is receiving additional support from EMS Unit 7 stationed in the Pitts Rd. area as needed to maintain response times. The Harrisburg Fire Department is coordinating with Cabarrus EMS for additional support during key road closures.

### **Our Commitment to You**

Town Council and staff will continue to work with state agencies and stakeholders to represent the best interests of Harrisburg residents and businesses through completion of the current projects and beyond. We are available via telephone and email to hear your concerns and get answers to your questions, and below have included sources for news and updates which we will continue updating as often as possible.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Sciascia and Harrisburg Town Council

### **Sources for News & Updates**

Want to stay up to date with news and information? We will continue bringing you information as is becomes available. Here are a few ways to stay connected:

- [HarrisburgUpdates.com](http://HarrisburgUpdates.com)
- Customer Service Dept:  
4100 Main St., Suite 101 | 704-455-5614 | [customerservice@harrisburgnc.org](mailto:customerservice@harrisburgnc.org)
- Town Council Meetings: NCDOT presents a project update every other month beginning Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Check the town website for dates, times and agendas in 2015.