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Patrick Norman
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Dear Patrick,

We want to thank you and your team for your continued teamwork and partnership regarding transportation projects, issues, and concerns in and around Pinehurst. In particular, we want to thank you for your continued efforts to develop an appropriate fix for the Pinehurst traffic circle. This project certainly offers a complex set of problems and concerns, and your team has handled that complexity remarkably well.

Unfortunately, a majority of the Council is not able to support either of the options currently being considered for updating the traffic circle intersection, those being the continuous flow intersection and the 211/15-501 'flyover' option, at this time. While it seems that either of these options create substantial positive operational improvements, they are too impactful in a negative way to the special character of our Village and the integrity of our National Historic Landmark.

We recognize that NCDOT will need to reschedule this important project to a later time window, and that this window can be no earlier than after the 2029 U.S. Open. We are eager to continue our cooperative efforts to develop an agreeable long-term solution, as well as finding ways to mitigate short term impacts. Thank you for offering to meet with us to get this effort started. We look forward to solidifying a date and time in the coming weeks. To assist in these initial conversations, we have brainstormed a list of topics and strategies which are included in an attachment to this letter. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to clarify these topics, or if you would like to specifically add topics for discussion.

Regards,

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Circulation Issues

Traffic Calming

Reduce speedlimit to make it easier for entering vehicles to merge

Increase enforcement of speed limits

Install rumble strips

Install barriers to prevent crossover from slip lane to primary lane

Install stop lights to sequence entry into the Circle at peak hours

Overhead signs on approaches to the circle, advising of lane restrictions

Partial re-routing of Hwy 2 eastbound to join Hwy 211 eastbound into the Circle (similar to that shown in the Continuous Flow Solution)

Open-tunnelling (As described in the presentation from John Root)

Data Issues

Receive updated reports on current traffic volume

Receive updated reports on population growth and growth projections to 2040

Complete the update to the Moore County Traffic Demand Model (2021)

Obtain updated local household and employment growth projections from the County and surrounding municipalities/counties

Update origin - destination studies

Utilize current Average Annual Daily Traffic counts

Continue working toward the plan development and implementation of a Consolidated Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

Collaboration

Who are the "Stakeholders" mentioned by HNTB

National Park Service

- What happened with the small roundabout
- Knowledge of other landmark communities with similar traffic challenges

Community Input

Encouragement/Direction for vehicles to use Hoffman and Roseland Roads as connector between Hwy 211 and US 1/15/501