



MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2018

TO: Planning Board Members
FROM: Lance Hight, Planning Director

RE: No Regular March Planning Board Meeting

The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting for Tuesday, March 20st, 2018 will not be held.

Staff is working on several projects and below I have provided an update on each with some pictures on the following pages:

- The streetscape work is 99% complete. The remaining crosswalks are being installed on the 5-points intersection and centerline reflectors will be installed shortly and the project will be complete.
- Norfolk Southern has approved all plans, insurance, and easements for the pedestrian Z-gate crossing near the Perfect Workout. NS will be initiating work soon over the tracks, with City crews commencing work outside the tracks upon their completion. We hope to begin construction in the coming weeks.
- The City has received through a generous donation from Dr. William Sherrod, the former Drum's Restaurant site and is finalizing plans for demolition of the existing foundation and asphalt and the construction of a new public parking lot, landscaping, lighting, and other site amenities.
- The City Council approved a contract to purchase the corner property at 104 1st St East at the 5 points intersection (vacant building that used to be painted multiple colors). Funds are also approved to demolish the structure.
- The City was awarded grant funds from the Carolina Thread Trail to acquire easements to link the existing Lyle Creek Greenway to the Newton Conover Middle School. The largest single property between the two points has agreed to sell, and staff is currently working with two other property owners to acquire easements. This trail link would cross Lyle Creek, thus the opportunity to install a pedestrian suspension bridge is a possibility. Staff is exploring options and has received quotes.
- Design is continuing on the park amphitheater stage/wall/overhead structure and staff hopes to have options and costs to present for review in coming weeks.
- The pergola/outdoor seating area near the BB&T downtown is under construction. Porch swings, landscaping, and planters will be installed as well.
- New downtown public parking signs have been installed in several locations to direct visitors to city parking lots.

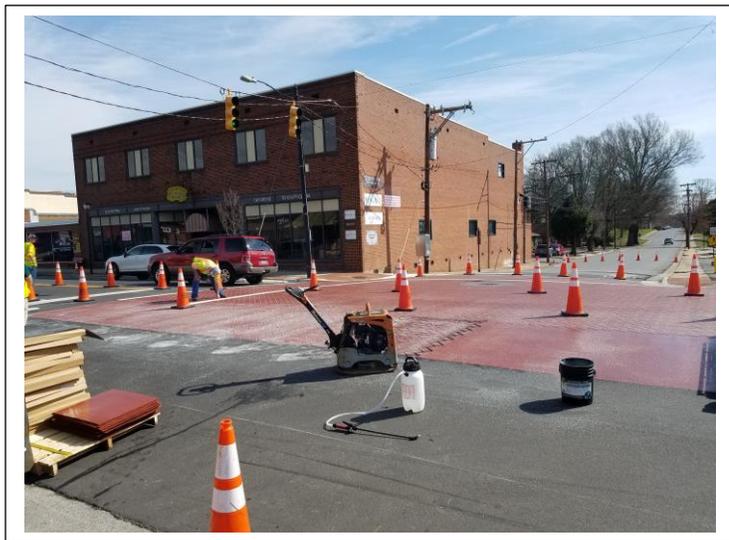


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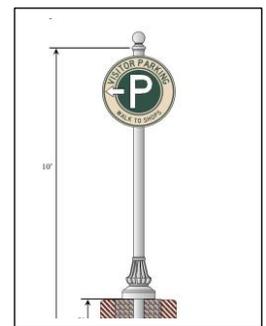
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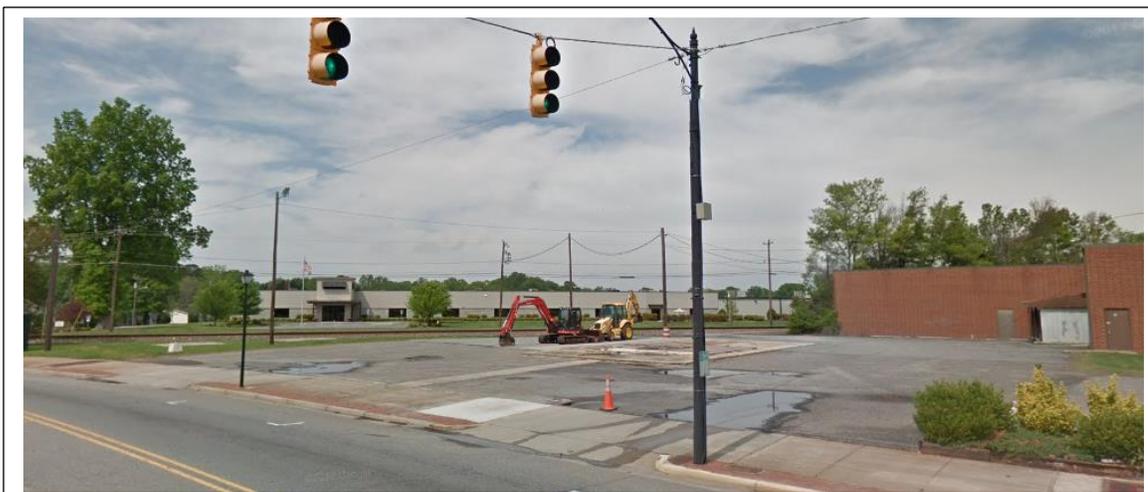
Crosswalk/Intersection Thermoplastic brick paver "look"



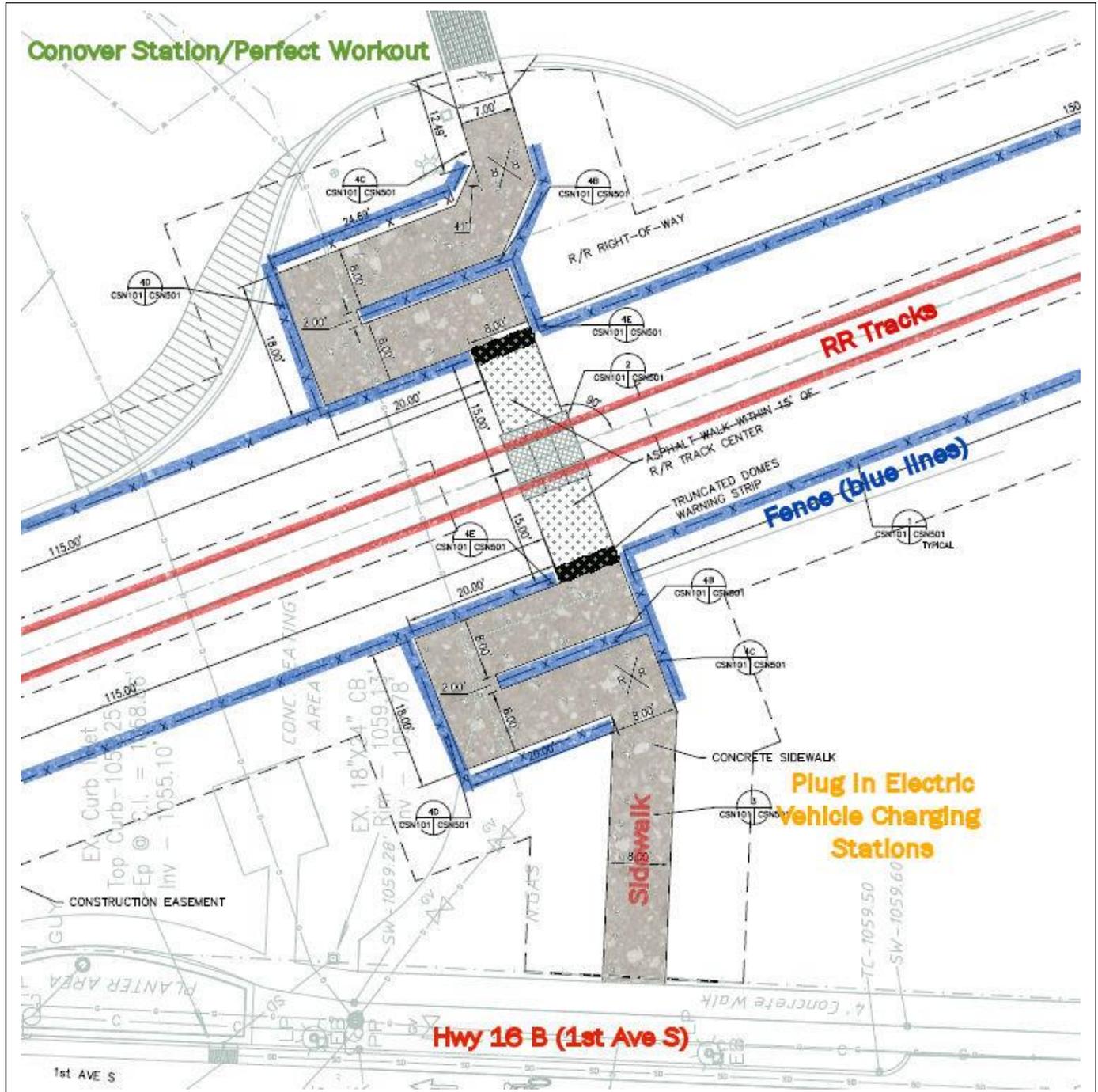
Pergola at B&T



Parking signs



Former Drum's Restaurant: Future Public Downtown Parking



Pedestrian Z-Gate Design Downtown, near Conover Station SE and Perfect Workout Building