



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2.

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 22, 2013

**REQUESTED BY:** Chad McEwen, Manager, Town of Burgaw

**SHORT TITLE:** Presentation of Proposed Multi-Purpose Trail from Downtown Burgaw to Pender Senior Center along South Walker Street.

**BACKGROUND:** South Walker Street/US Highway 117 Business has high volumes of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Due to its proximity to several residential neighborhoods and apartment complexes, South Walker Street/US Highway 117 Business provides a valuable connection to the central business district of Burgaw, Pender Memorial Hospital, local and county government buildings, and Pender Senior Services. Unfortunately, the current design and condition of this connection is not suitable for pedestrians or bicyclists to use. For example, the existing pavement has no shoulder, both sides of the road have deep ditches close to the road surface, and very little right of way exists behind the ditches for people to walk or ride a bicycles. Due to the reasons listed above, the Town of Burgaw is proposing a multi-purpose trail from downtown Burgaw along South Walker Street which will terminate at the Pender Senior Center. The trail improvements will be a combination of traditional 5' sidewalk sections as well as 8' asphalt paths. As shown on the attached map, the sidewalk portion will begin on Satchwell Street near the Post Office heading east. The sidewalk will then enter the west side of South Walker Street and join up with the existing sidewalk that is part of the Osgood Canal Greenway near the intersection of Walker and Hayes Streets. Along the east side of Walker Street at the intersection of Cowan Street, the 5' sidewalk will transition into an 8' asphalt multi-purpose path. At the S. McNeil Street intersection the trail will shift to the west side of Walker and cross over Progress Drive. At this point, the trail will exit the NCDOT right of way and will enter Pender County's property. The trail will reenter the NCDOT right of way near the edge of the parking area for the county complex and will continue along S. Walker until it reaches the Creekside subdivision property. Once the trail reaches the southern end of the County property it will transition back to a 5' sidewalk.

### **Work Completed to Date**

To date, the Town has retained the services of McKim and Creed for the design and permitting aspects of this project. In addition, a hydrological study has been completed and approved by NCDOT. Recently, some associated drainage improvements related to the eventual construction of this project were completed at the intersection of Satchwell and Walker Streets. In addition,

the Town has obtained surety as well as a maintenance easement from the owner of the Creekside subdivision related to the construction of the sidewalk portion in front of the project.

### **Town's Request of Pender County**

We are requesting the County agree to partner with the Town on this project and pass a resolution outlining their support and a commitment of the needed easement along the front of the County property from Progress Drive to the edge of the parking lot.

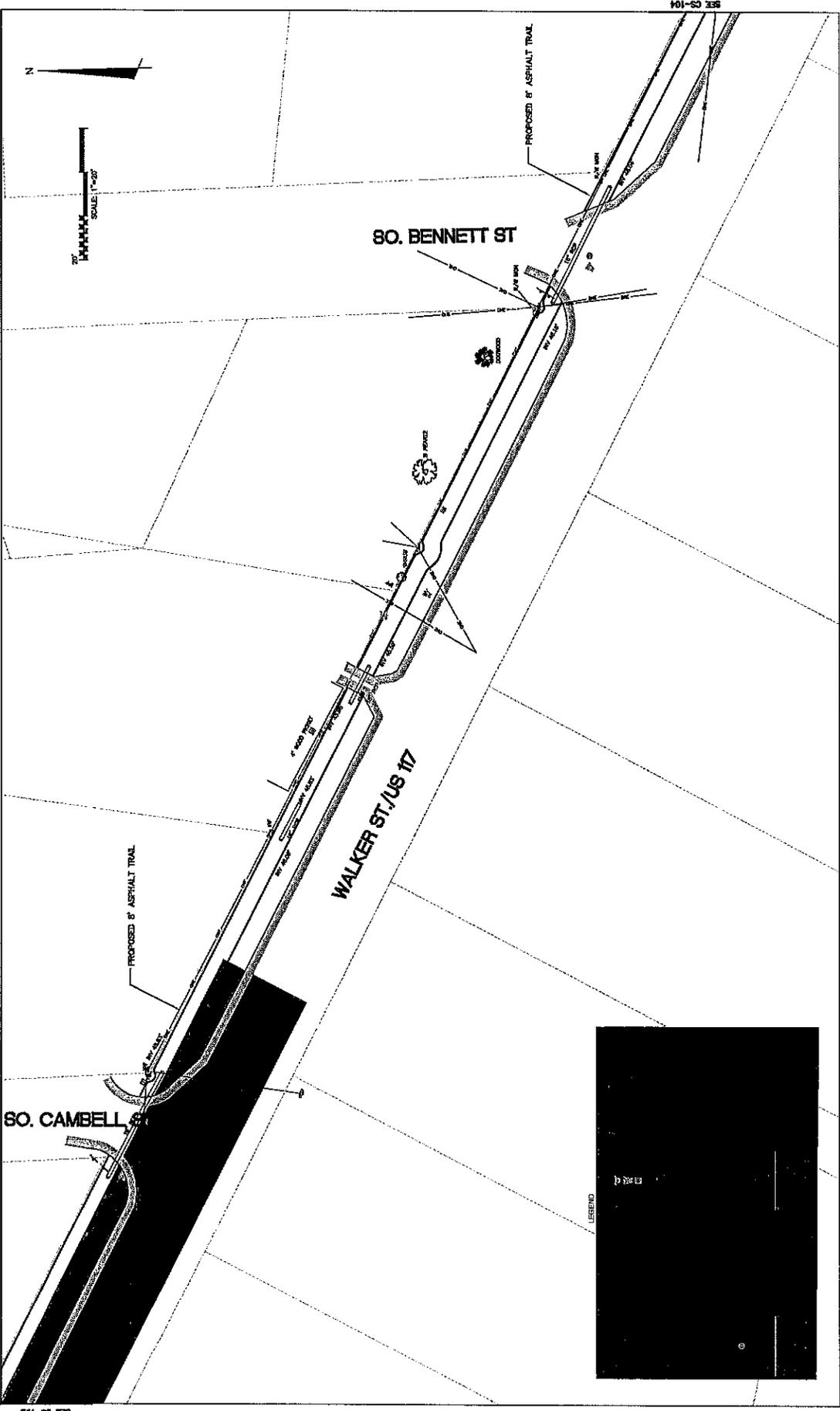
At this time, the Town is not requesting any financial assistance from the County related to the design, engineering, permitting, or construction of the multi-purpose trail. We have received favorable input from NCDOT and the local delegation regarding our (the Town and County) ability to receive funding assistance. This project has received support from the NCDOT Rural Transportation Advisory Committee as well, which helps strengthen the likelihood of DOT assistance. Later this month, we have meetings scheduled with Senator Rabon and NCDOT to discuss the progress of this project and the various funding options.

Please find the attached map outlining the proposed design.









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Burgow US 117/Walker Street  
Trail/Sidewalk Plan



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