



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 14, 2025
Department: Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section: Consent
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Dedication of six bus shelters from Orange County to the Town of Hillsborough

Attachments:

1. Map of bus shelter locations
2. Permit package
3. Shelter specifications
4. Photos of shelters

Summary:

On Oct. 14, 2019, the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners received an update from Tom Altieri, comprehensive planning supervisor for Orange County, on plans to install four bus shelters in town. It was proposed at that time for the town would assume ownership and maintenance responsibility for the bus shelters once the construction was complete and shelters were dedicated to the town. On March 9, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved encroachment agreements for the four bus shelters.

Between 2022 and 2024, Orange County Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Orange County Planning and Inspections Department and Orange County Asset Management Services, completed the construction of the four shelters as well as two additional shelters. Locations for the shelters were determined by ridership levels. The locations of the bus shelters are as follows:

- Faucette Mill Road at US 70 (NCDOT right-of-way)
- NC 86 Southbound at Hampton Point (NCDOT right-of-way)
- North Churton Street at Hillsborough Police Station (NCDOT right-of-way)
- Rainey Avenue at Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center (Town of Hillsborough property)
- River Park (Orange County property)
- Library (Orange County property)

These locations service multiple Orange County Public Transportation routes including the Hillsborough Circulator, Orange-Chapel Hill Connector as well as GoTriangle and Chapel-Hill Transit routes.

The Eclipse-Arch model transit shelters are manufactured in the USA by Brasco International. They are 5' x 10', black in color, and equipped with solar lighting and USB connector ports. This shelter is on the NCDOT approved list for shelters in its Right-of-Way, approved by the Public Space and Sustainability Manager and Historic District Commission. Encroachment agreements were issued for shelters in the right-of-way.

Orange County staff reports the cost for each of the six shelters at \$14,425 for labor and \$17,050 for a total value of \$31,475 per shelter. Therefore, the full value of all six shelters is \$188,850.

On March 18, 2025, the Orange County Board of Commissioners approved dedication of the six bus shelters to the Town of Hillsborough. The Hillsborough Board of Commissioners' approval of the dedication will finalize the transfer.

Financial impacts:

The costs for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the shelters are minimal and can be absorbed in the Public Space and Sustainability budget. There may be a slight increase in the town's insurance for coverage of the bus shelters.

Staff recommendation and comments:

None

Action requested:

Approve dedication from Orange County of six bus shelters to the Town of Hillsborough