



Town of Dallas

210 N HOLLAND STREET – DALLAS, NORTH CAROLINA 28034

Dear Mr. Clary,

The Town of Dallas Mayor and Board of Alderman are hereby requesting information about 6 issues concerning NCDOT infrastructure effecting Dallas and the traveling public in general.

The first issue is concerning the traffic signals on Trade Street (NC 279/275) from US 321 to South Gaston Street (SR 2278). These lights appear to hold the traffic entering Trade Street excessively long. Either the loop actuators are malfunctioning or the time delay is set too long, which in result; causes left turns on red to occur. In addition, the pedestrian heads at Trade Street and Gaston Street, and at Trade Street and Holland Street appear to not be working at all.

The second issue is the traffic at Trade Street, East Main Street, and Old Spencer Mountain Road. This intersection is a significant safety issue because of the amount of traffic and the angle of the intersecting streets. The Town board would like NCDOT to consider a roundabout at this intersection to not only improve the angle, but slow traffic and improve traffic flow.

The third issue, the board would like NCDOT to install a right turn lane on Trade Street going west onto Dallas/Stanley Highway (NC 275). This would allow better flow for traffic and reduce the backup that occurs on Trade Street. This backup occurs daily and blocks traffic from the side streets and businesses along Trade Street for up to a mile at times.

The fourth issue is a significant safety concern as Dallas grows and the traffic increases with this growth. The intersection of Dallas/Cherryville Highway (NC 279/275), the eastern entrance into the Walmart Market Place, and Tandem Drive. This intersection has been the location of many accidents and is a location of daily near misses. The board would like NCDOT to consider signalizing this intersection to reduce the likelihood of a tragic fatality.

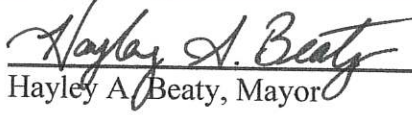
The fifth issue is at the intersection of Trade Street and North College Street. This intersection has a lot going on and is a safety concern. The street is beginning to narrow at this location, the on-street parking is beginning to end, and there are some sight issues caused by retaining walls and business activity. There is also truck traffic in and out of College Street. The Board would like NCDOT to consider a traffic signal at this location to improve traffic flow and improve safety.

The sixth and final issue could make several of the above issues moot. The board would like an update on the proposed roadway improvements of North New Hope/Trade Street (NC 279/275) from the Long Creek Bridge to Gaston Street. This project was projected to be constructed in 2023 but was delayed due to funding issues. Please provide a timeline for this project and any updated plans that are available.

The Town Board would request that you respond to this request at your earliest, possible convenience. If possible, the Board would appreciate you attending either a work session of a regular board meeting to deliver a response to these issues and any other questions that might arise. If you could attend a meeting, please contact Jonathan Newton, Town of Dallas, Town Manager at (704)-922-3176 or by email at jnewton@dallasnc.net

Thank you in advance for your response.

Respectfully,



Hayley A. Beaty, Mayor