Staff Report and Comments

Cowans Ford-Davidson College Monument 14910 NC 73 Hwy. Huntersville, NC 28078 Application for COA HLC425

Exhibits presented to and considered by the Commission:

Project Description

1. Relocate the Cowans Ford-Davidson College Monument

Exhibit A – Map

Exhibit B – Project Plans

Based upon the information presented in the application, staff offers the following suggested findings of fact:

The HLC has acknowledged the need to alter or add to a historic property to meet continuing or new uses while retaining the property's historic character.

- 1. The proposed project meets the HLC Standard 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- The proposed project meets the HLC Standard 2. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 3. The proposed project meets the HLC Standard 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use.
- 4. The proposed project meets the HLC Standard 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

Staff suggests that the Commission approve the application as presented.

THE HLC STANDARDS

Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

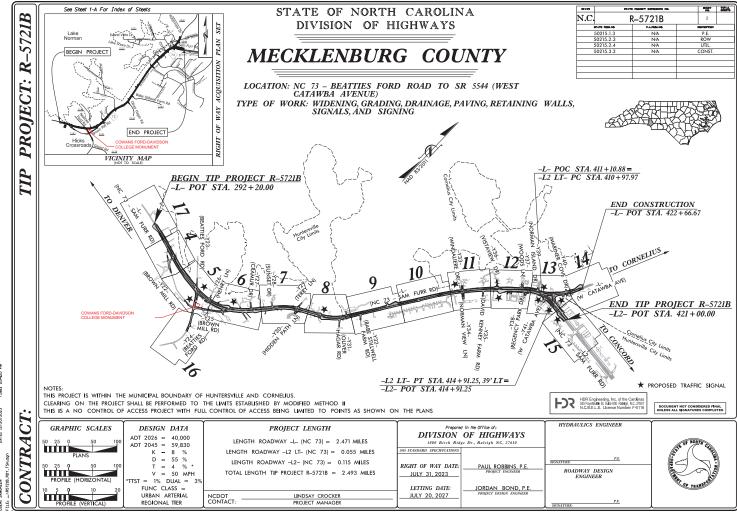
- 1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9. New additions, alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. Alterations, new additions, and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Exhibit A

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Exhibit B Project Plans



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Narrative:

As a part of the R-5721B project, we propose to construct a new concrete foundation to the east of the existing Cowans Ford-Davidson Monument location. The existing monument will then be relocated and placed on the new foundation.

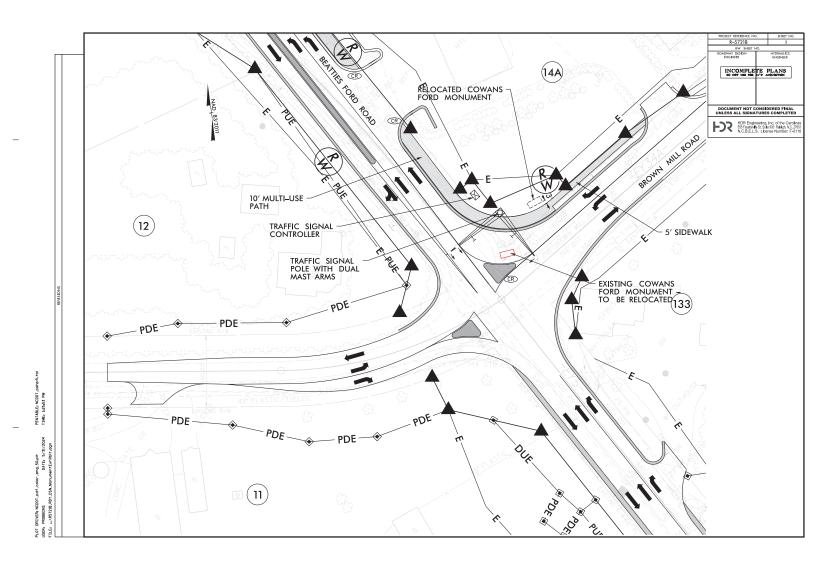
Existing Plaque Information:

- Large metal plaque positioned on the south facing side of the monument reads "COWAN'S FORD, CATAWBA RIVER/ WHERE/ THE REVOLUTIONARY HERO,/ GEN'L. WILLIAM LEE DAVIDSON/ WAS KILLED IN ACTION FEB. 1, 1781/ BORN AT/ LANCASTER, PA./ 1746/ DAVIDSON COLLEGE/ FOUNDED 1837/ ERECTED BY/ EDWARD LEE BAXTER DAVIDSON"
- The plaque depicts two stylized hands, one indicating the direction of the site of the Battle of Cowan's Ford and the other pointing toward Davidson College

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COWANS FORD-DAVIDSON COLLEGE MONUMENT RELOCATION

EXISTING MONUMENT LOCATION (EXISTING CONDITION):







COWANS FORD-DAVIDSON COLLEGE MONUMENT RELOCATION
RENDERING OF RELOCATED MONUMENT LOCATION (AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF R-6721B):

PROJECT ENTENICS TO SHEET NO. 5 No. 59412 NO. 5941

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