

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: August 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works, regarding painting of the train trestle on Charles Boulevard
2. A memo from Jared Stalling, Economic Developer, regarding the Workforce Development Initiative

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Attachments

# Memorandum

**To:** Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Kevin Mulligan, PE, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Subject:** Charles Blvd – Painting of Train Trestle

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The City of Greenville has been working collaboratively with ECU to address the aesthetic appearance of the Charles Blvd train trestle located between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Greenville Boulevard. The Charles Blvd trestle is the property of CSX railroad. NCDOT, ECU and the City do not perform any maintenance on this bridge.

NCDOT, ECU and the City previously participated in an agreement to fund the painting of this bridge in 2005. Thirteen years later the overpass is again in need of painting. In 2005, there were two alternatives for the re-painting of the overpass. Remove all of the paint and contain/disposed of the original lead based paint or to pressure-wash and apply a lighter weight paint. The lighter weight paint is used in applications where it is applied to an existing coat of paint. The latter method was chosen since it was more cost effective and expedient.

In 2018 the layers of paint are blistering or pulling off of the trestle. To remove and replace all layers of paint down to the steel of the bridge is a lengthy project that will last four to six months. It will also require temperatures to be consistently above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The City/ECU team evaluated several options and has selected a course of action that is similar to the effort performed in 2005. We have selected a contractor to begin pressure washing the north and south side of the bridge. The contractor will work on the panels only so this work will not include the abutments to the trestle. After completion of the pressure washing the contractor will apply primer in limited areas where the paint has fallen off. Two layers of paint will then be applied to the bridge to refresh the face of each side of the bridge. Upon completion of this task, graphics will be applied to the bridge. The graphics are being finalized by ECU's marketing and branding staff.

The cost of this improvement is approximately \$20,000. The cost of this will be split between ECU and the City. The performance of the work is weather dependent. The work will be performed over the next three weeks. The goal is to be complete prior to September 1, 2018. The work hours will be between the hours of 7pm and 6am. Charles Blvd will be closed to traffic in the immediate area of the trestle. Residents will be able to access local roads from either the north or south side of the bridge depending on their location during this time. The roadway will be re-opened to traffic each morning at 6am.

The current condition of the paint on the Charles Blvd trestle will require a more permanent solution. That solution should involve CSX as the trestle is their asset. The City and ECU will work with CSX to further the more permanent solution.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jared Stalling, Economic Developer   
**DATE:** August 15, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Workforce Development Initiative

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The City of Greenville entered into a partnership with the Pitt Community College (PCC) School of Continuing Education on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, creating the Workforce Development Initiative. This program is facilitated by PCC staff and partially funded with City funds. For fiscal year 2018-19, the City committed \$15,000 to fund tuition and other costs associated with implementation of the program. The \$15,000 was divided into the following funding sources: \$2,250 for marketing and \$12,750 for tuition scholarships. To date, PCC has expended \$1,400 on marketing and \$3,816.75 on tuition scholarships.

In only three short months this program has shown very promising results having successfully trained 13 students in the Electrician course and 4 students in the Nurses Assistant I course. These individuals are now fully certified and capable of being able to pursue a career in their chosen course of study.

The Nurses Assistant program is divided into two categories: Nurses Assistant 1, and Nurses Assistant 2. The Nurses Assistant 2 course has shown to yield slightly higher pay due to the additional skills gained. Many of the assistants choose to continue with their training and education to achieve the Nurses Assistant 2 designation, which is what we expect to see in future updates from PCC. The Electrician program successfully graduated 13 individuals, many of whom are currently interviewing for jobs.

PCC still has a remaining project budget of \$9,873.25 for fiscal year 2018-19. A process has been established to provide monthly reporting on program success and periodic updates on the employment status of graduates following the completion of the course. Both PCC and the City anticipate that this program will continue to grow and provide a much needed resource for the underserved residents of Greenville, strengthening our local labor pool with highly skilled workers.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

Cc: Christian Lockamy, Acting Economic Development Manager