

George Moses Horton Signage

Discussion and Direction

Chatham County BOC
Work Session

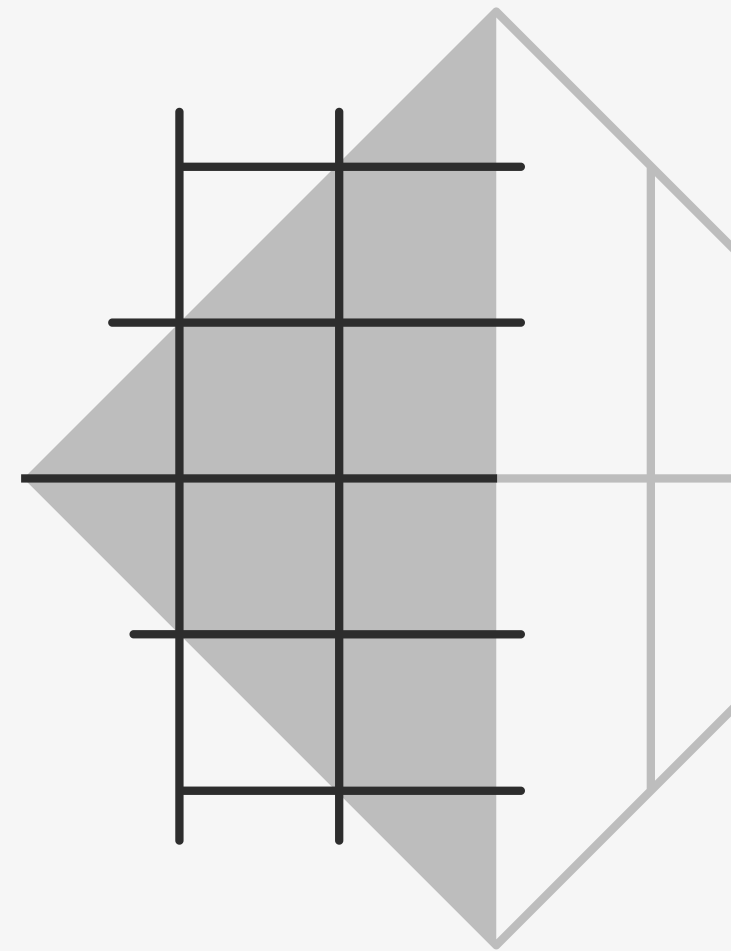
June 16th, 2025





Background & Purpose

- Board of Commissioners directed staff to:
 - Work with NCDOT to facilitate signage honoring George Moses Horton on U.S. 15–501.
 - Amend resolution honorary designation resolution to indicate this.
- This presentation outlines key decision points for Board consideration as defined while working with NCDOT.





Locations for Signage

Locations for Signage on US 15–501:

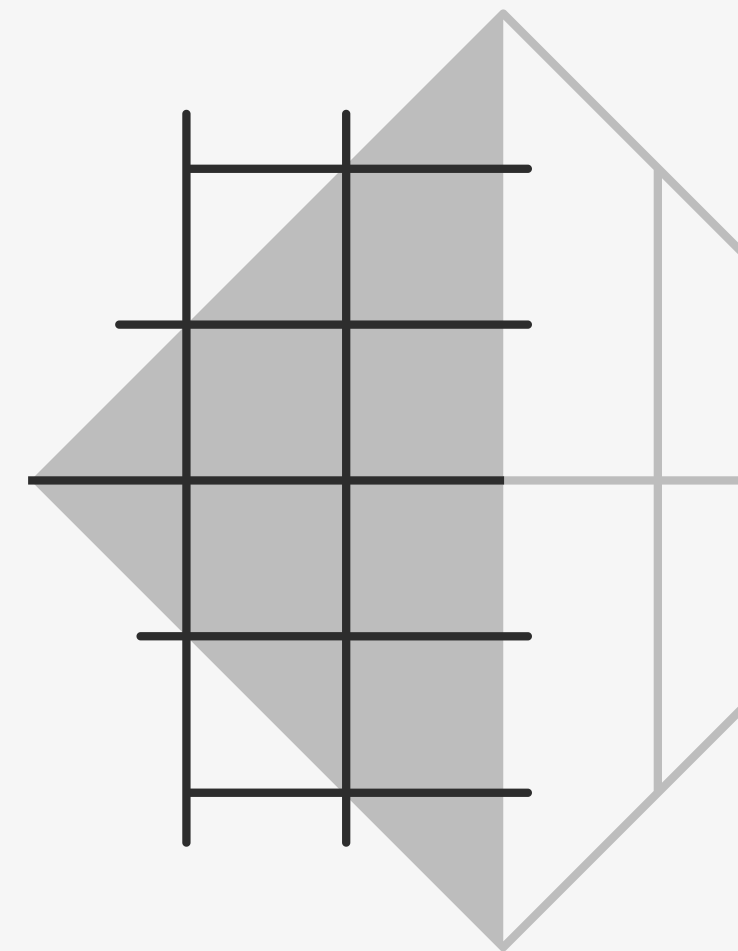
- Option 1: Orange County Line
 - Closely tied to George Moses Horton’s historical and cultural presence
- Option 2: Both Orange and Lee County Lines
 - Marks both key entrances to Chatham along 15–501

NCDOT Initial Estimated Costs:

- Orange/Chatham Line: \$8,100
- Lee/Chatham Line: \$7,000

Decision Point:

- Confirm preferred sign location(s)



Sign Design

- Staff created a preliminary mock-up including the Chatham County logo.
- NCDOT will produce a finalized design.

Decision Point:

- Should the Chatham County logo be included on the signage?
- Any additional language wanted on the sign?





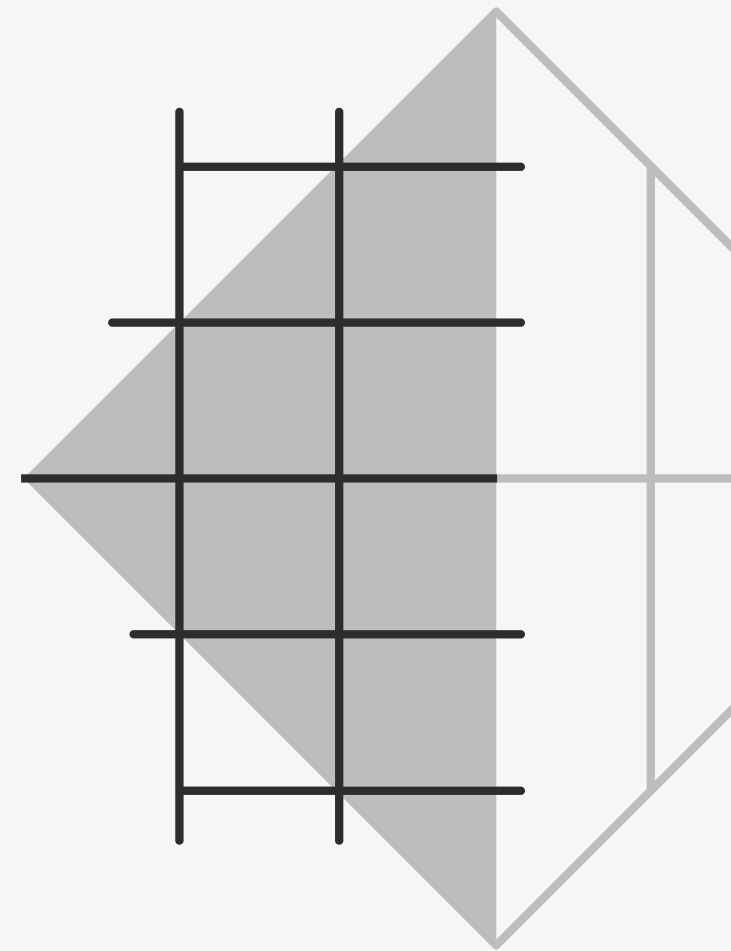
Wording for Signage

Options for Sign Wording (developed with input from SOG and community partners):

- Honoring George Moses Horton
Historic Poet Laureate of Chatham County
- Honoring George Moses Horton
Enslaved Poet & Literary Trailblazer
- Honoring George Moses Horton
The Bard of Chatham County

Decision Point:

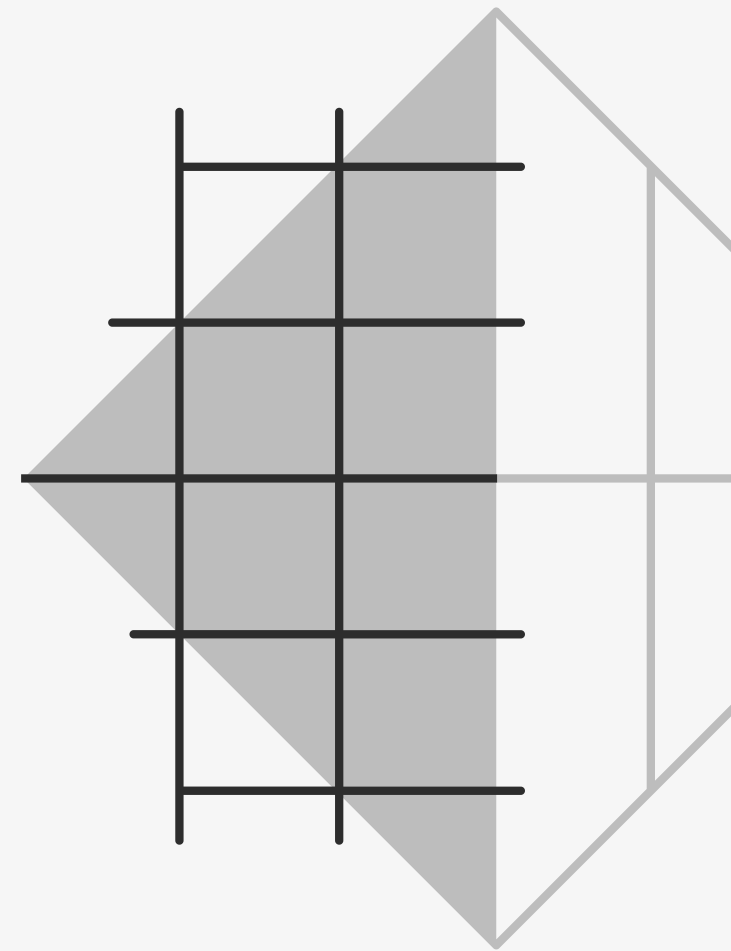
- Select a preferred option OR
- Suggest modifications or desired alternate language





Next Steps

- **Coordinate with NCDOT**
 - Staff will submit selected options to NCDOT for creation of a conceptual design and agreement.
- **Return to Board with Final Design**
 - Once NCDOT provides the final conceptual drawing and agreement terms, staff will bring these back for final BOC approval.





Motion for Resolution Adoption

- **Motion Option 1 (1 Sign)**
 - Motion to adopt the resolution for a Sign Honoring George Moses Horton on US Highway 15-501.
- **Motion Option 2 (2 Signs)**
 - Motion to adopt the resolution for Signs Honoring George Moses Horton on US Highway 15-501.

