

## NC 150 IMPROVEMENTS (NCDOT STIP Project No. R-2307)

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Please plan to attend the first **PUBLIC MEETING** on **Thursday, November 21** from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at **Berea Baptist Church**, located at **1015 River Highway** in **Mooresville**. The purpose of these workshops is to provide information on the study and to identify your concerns and suggestions on the proposed improvements. Public input from these workshops will be used in conjunction with engineering analyses to develop improvement alternatives. **NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop, to comply with the American Disabilities Act. To receive special services, please contact Mr. Michael Wray (see contact information below) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.**

## Get involved!

In addition to participating in the workshop, you are invited to:

**Arrange small group meetings.** The study team is available throughout the study process to meet and discuss the project through informal question and answer sessions with neighborhood groups and civic organizations.

**Call the study's toll-free hotline at:** 1-800-349-3721 (Hours of Operation: 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday)

**Add your name to the mailing list.** If you would like to receive future newsletters or meeting notices, you may add your name to the mailing list at the workshop or by contacting the Study Team.

**Call or write the study team.** Comments and suggestions will be documented and considered during the entire study process. You may contact the Stantec NC 150 Improvements Study Team or NCDOT at the following addresses:

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Catawba and Iredell Counties

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## PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 21  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Berea Baptist Church  
1015 River Highway  
Mooresville

Interested citizens are  
welcomed to drop in  
any time during the  
meeting hours, as there  
will be no formal  
presentation.

NCDOT representatives  
will be available to  
answer questions and  
listen to comments  
regarding the project.

Citizens will also have  
the opportunity to  
submit comments and  
questions in writing.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is studying improvements to NC 150 from I-77 in Iredell County to the NC 16 Bypass in Catawba County. The proposed improvements are identified as State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project No. R-2307. This newsletter is the first in a series to be published by the NCDOT to help keep the public informed about the NC 150 Improvements study. It provides an overview of the steps in the planning process, upcoming public involvement activities, and who you can contact with questions and comments.

### **WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING STUDIED?**

The NCDOT proposes to improve NC 150 from the NC 150/I-77 interchange in Iredell County to NC 16 Bypass in Catawba County. The approximate length of this project is 13.5 miles. The project limits are shown on the inside of this newsletter.

### **WHAT IS THE STUDY PROCESS?**

The proposed NC 150 Improvements are being studied in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to determine the potential impacts of the improvements on the human and natural environments. This project is in the very early planning stage. The work on the general steps described below is just beginning.

### **Purpose and Need**

The initial step in the study is to clearly define the purpose of and need for the project.

### **Preliminary Alternatives**

Preliminary alternatives are developed that would fulfill the defined purpose and need. The option of not constructing the project (the No-Build Alternative) is also studied for comparison.

### **Detailed Study Alternatives**

The preliminary alternatives are compared to determine which alternatives would have the least potential to impact the environment. The alternatives with the most potential to impact the environment are eliminated from further study. Detailed environmental studies are conducted for the remaining alternatives.

### **Environmental Assessment**

The results of the detailed studies are summarized in an environmental document. The document describes the potential impacts of each detailed study alternative, ranging from residential relocations to wetland and stream impacts.

### **Public Involvement**

Local Officials Meetings, Public Meetings, and small group meetings are held intermittently throughout the project planning process to provide information to local citizens and to provide the public an opportunity to express any concerns regarding the proposed project.

### **Identification of Preferred Alternative**

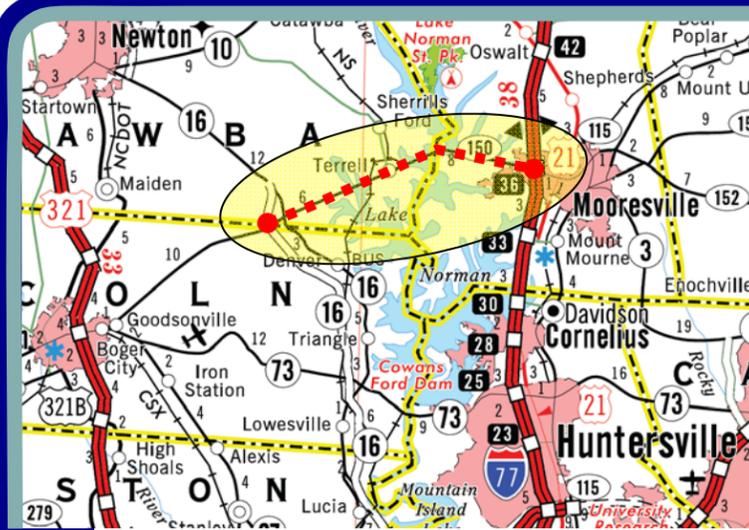
The NCDOT will identify a preferred alternative based on engineering considerations, costs, impacts on the human and natural environments and comments received from interested citizens.

### **Public Hearing**

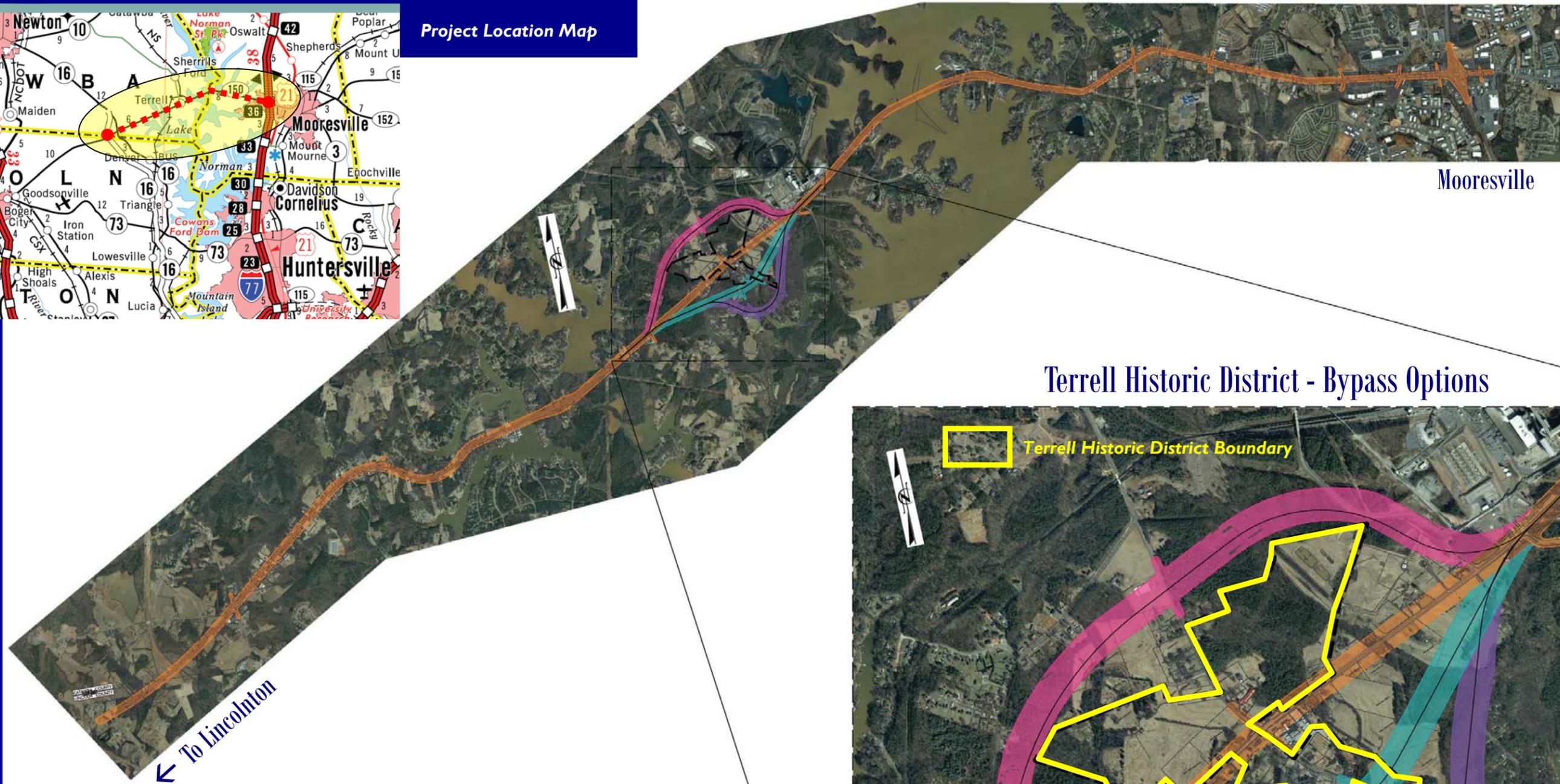
A Public Hearing will be held at the end of the project planning process to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the project for the public record.

### **WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING?**

In addition to providing information on the proposed project, the goal of these Public Meetings is to listen and understand your thoughts and concerns so they may be considered during design. The Study Team will develop alternative improvements based on your comments and the engineering analyses. These alternatives will be presented at future workshops.



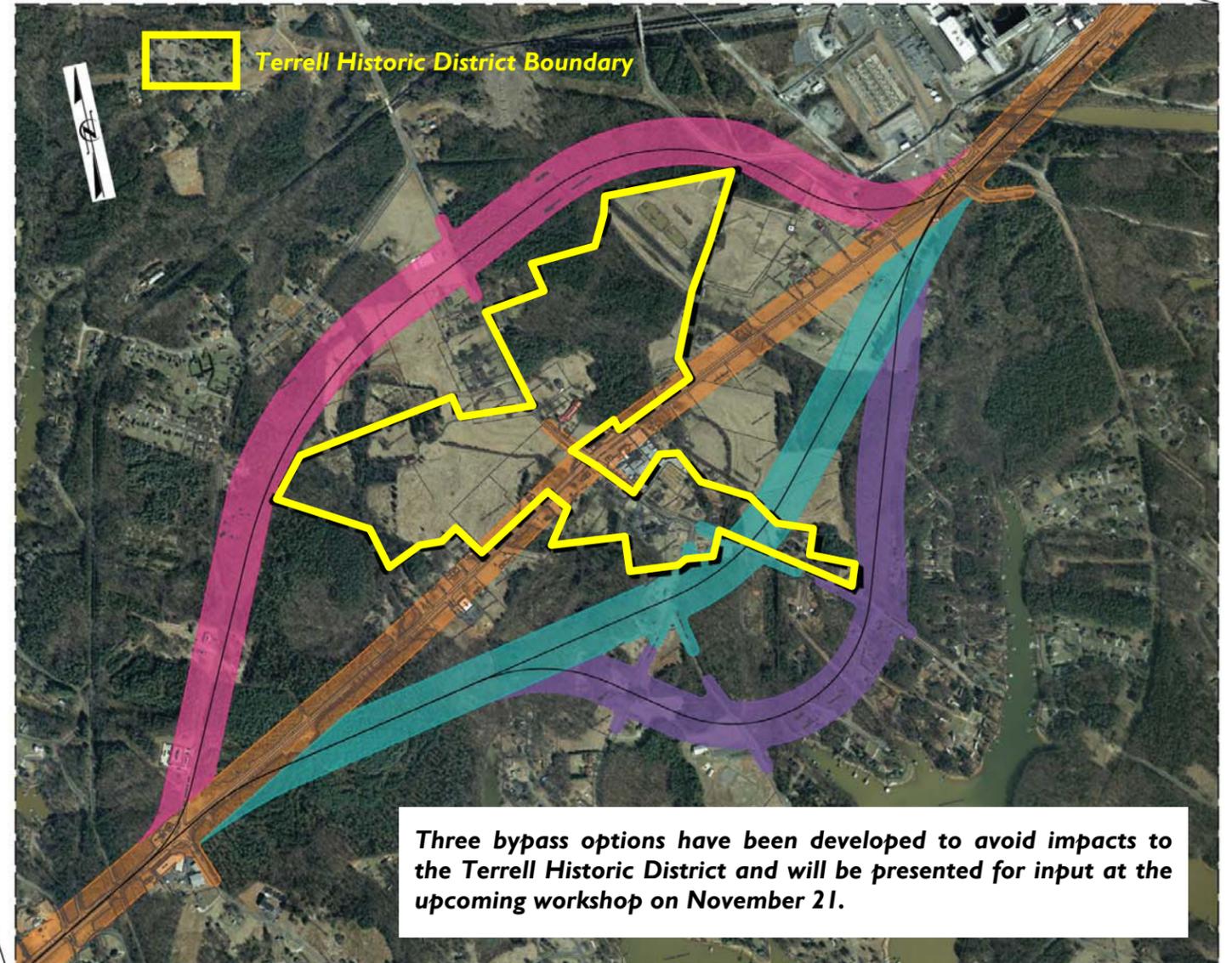
**Project Location Map**



Mooresville

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### Terrell Historic District - Bypass Options



Three bypass options have been developed to avoid impacts to the Terrell Historic District and will be presented for input at the upcoming workshop on November 21.