



# 15<sup>th</sup> Street Widening and Access Management Project

From U.S. 17 Business to U.S. 264 in Washington, Beaufort County

## PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

STIP Project U-5860 is needed to reduce congestion during peak service hours along 15th Street from U.S. 17 Business to U.S. 264. Congestion causes queueing at several intersections and presents safety concerns due to the lack of access control and usage of the inner through travel lanes as left-turn lanes. The lack of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities also presents safety concerns.

The project aims to enhance safety and improve traffic flow. The proposed median plays an important role in meeting these goals.

## Project Schedule

Milestone	Date*
Public Meeting	February 6, 2025
Environmental Document	April 30, 2025
Open House Meeting	May 29, 2025
Right-Of-Way Acquisition Begins	Summer 2025
Construction Begins	Summer 2028

*\*Future dates are preliminary and subject to change*

## Project Cost

Project Phase	Estimated Amount*
Right Of Way	\$ 8,900,000
Utilities	\$ 7,500,000
Construction	\$ 22,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,600,000</b>

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## PROJECT UPDATES

The N. C. Department of Transportation, in coordination with the City of Washington, continues to advance the design for STIP Project U-5860.

Feedback received during the February 2025 Public Meeting has been reviewed and design updates incorporated to further enhance safety, mobility, and access along the corridor.

Design updates and other changes to the Public Meeting Maps since February include:

- **Incorporation of Latest Aerial Imagery:** Updated aerial imagery has been added to the project maps shared at the public meeting to provide a more accurate depiction of existing conditions.
- **Permanent Utility Easements (PUEs):** PUEs have been included in the design based on utility relocation needs for both dry and wet utilities to support long-term maintenance and operations. Infrastructure improvements to City of Washington utilities will be constructed as part of the project at no cost to the City.
- **Intersection Modifications at Van Norden Street:** The previously proposed traffic signal at Van Norden Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street shown on the February 2025 Public Meeting Maps has been removed, based on updated traffic signal recommendations. Left turn lanes are proposed on both eastbound and westbound 15<sup>th</sup> Street onto Van Norden Street. Turns onto 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Van Norden Street will be right turn only.
- **Intersection Modifications at Washington Street:** As part of the updated traffic signal recommendations, the traffic signal currently located at Washington Street will be relocated to Pierce Street to improve operational efficiency and optimize turning movements. A left turn lane is proposed from eastbound 15<sup>th</sup> Street into Midtown Crossing.
- **Intersection Modifications at Pierce Street:** A new traffic signal is proposed at Pierce Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. At the intersection of Pierce Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, a through-movement/right-turn lane and a dedicated left-turn lane have been added to improve operational efficiency and reduce congestion during peak travel times. The proposed Pierce Street traffic signal also provides a safe crossing for pedestrians.

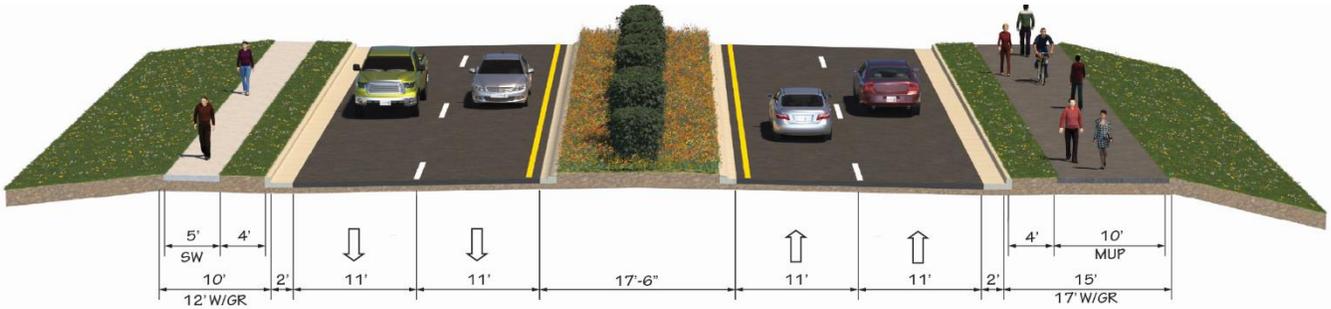
These refinements reflect the continued collaboration between NCDOT, the City of Washington, and the local community to ensure the final design meets transportation goals while addressing local concerns.

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## PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTIONS

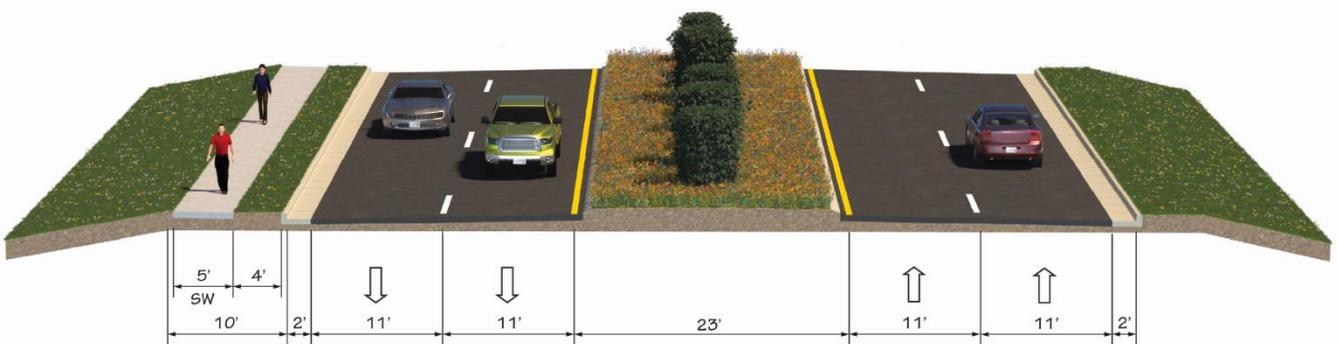
### 15<sup>th</sup> Street from U.S. 17 Business (Carolina Avenue) to Brown Street



TYPICAL SECTION NO.1  
-L- 15TH STREET

\*Median landscaping shown does not reflect final landscaping decision.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Brown Street to U.S. 264 (John Small Avenue)



TYPICAL SECTION NO.2  
12TH STREET

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## PROJECT WEBSITE

### *Get Involved, Stay Informed*

For more information about this project and to subscribe to project updates, please visit

<https://publicinput.com/15th-Street-Improvements>

Access the project webpage using the QR code:



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# Right-Of-Way Process

Once decisions are made regarding the final design of the project, the limits of the project will be staked in the ground. If you are an affected property owner, a right-of-way agent will arrange a meeting with you to explain the plans, how it affects you and your rights as a property owner.

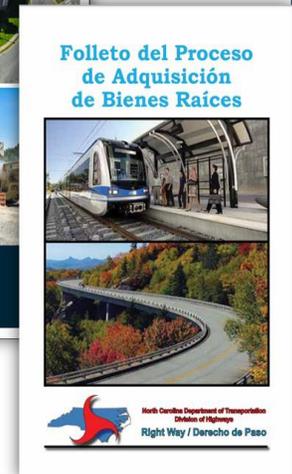
If permanent right-of-way is required, then an appraisal will be completed, and an offer will be made to you based on that appraisal. The appraisal will be a fair market appraisal at the highest and best use of that property at that time.

NCDOT's policy is to:

- Contact affected property owners and conduct property appraisal
- Treat all owners and tenants equally
- Fully explain the owners' rights
- Provide fair market value for property
- Provide relocation advisory assistance

## Relocation Assistance

If your business or residence is to be acquired as part of the project, additional assistance in the form of advice and compensation is available.



# TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORM

Completing this form is **completely** voluntary. You are not required to provide the information requested in order to participate in this meeting.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related authorities, the N.C. Department of Transportation assures that no person(s) shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any of the Department's programs, policies, or activities, based on their race, color, national origin, disability, age, income, or gender.

**Completing this form helps meet our data collection and public involvement obligations under Title VI and NEPA, and will improve how we serve the public.** Please place the completed form in the designated box on the sign-in table, hand it to an NCDOT official or mail it to the Environmental Analysis Unit, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598.

All forms will remain on file at the NCDOT as part of the public record.

<b>Zip Code:</b> _____ <b>Street Name:</b> <i>(i.e. Main Street)</i> _____	<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Total Household Income:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$47,000 – \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 – \$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 – \$93,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 – \$30,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$94,000 – \$117,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$31,000 – \$46,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$118,000 or greater	<b>Age:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44
<b>Have a Disability:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b> Select <b>all that apply</b> and enter additional details in the spaces below. <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native – <i>Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <i>Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian <input type="checkbox"/> Somali <i>Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemalan <i>Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese <input type="checkbox"/> Iranian <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian <input type="checkbox"/> Syrian <input type="checkbox"/> Iraqi <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli <i>Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian <input type="checkbox"/> Marshallese <i>Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> White – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Polish <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish <i>Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.</i> _____	

How did you hear about this meeting? (newspaper advertisement, flyer, and/or mailing) \_\_\_\_\_

For more information regarding Title VI or this request, please contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at (919) 508-1808 or toll free at 1-800-522-0453, or by email at [titleVI@ncdot.gov](mailto:titleVI@ncdot.gov). Thank you for your participation!



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