



Welcome

Thank you for attending the first Open House Public Meeting for the proposed 15th Street Operational Improvements Project. This meeting is hosted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to provide information about the project and to obtain public input. You will have an opportunity to review maps and other materials, talk with project team members, and offer your comments. There will be no formal presentation. We look forward to hearing from you.

How to Participate in Tonight's Meeting

1. Sign-In

Sign in at the registration table and provide your contact information to receive future mailings. We will include a summary of today's meeting, with the number of attendees, in the project record.

2. Learn About the Project and Ask Questions

A short, 8-minute video presentation provides general information about the project. Maps and other materials are also available to help you learn more about the project. Project team members wearing name tags are present to answer your questions and discuss the project.

3. Provide Your Input

This handout includes a comment sheet. We would appreciate your thoughts about 15th Street, as it will help us understand stakeholder needs. Please submit your comments at the comment station tonight, or by mail or e-mail to the address on the comment sheet by **August 24, 2016**.

A Title VI Public Involvement Form is also attached to this handout. Completing this form is completely voluntary.

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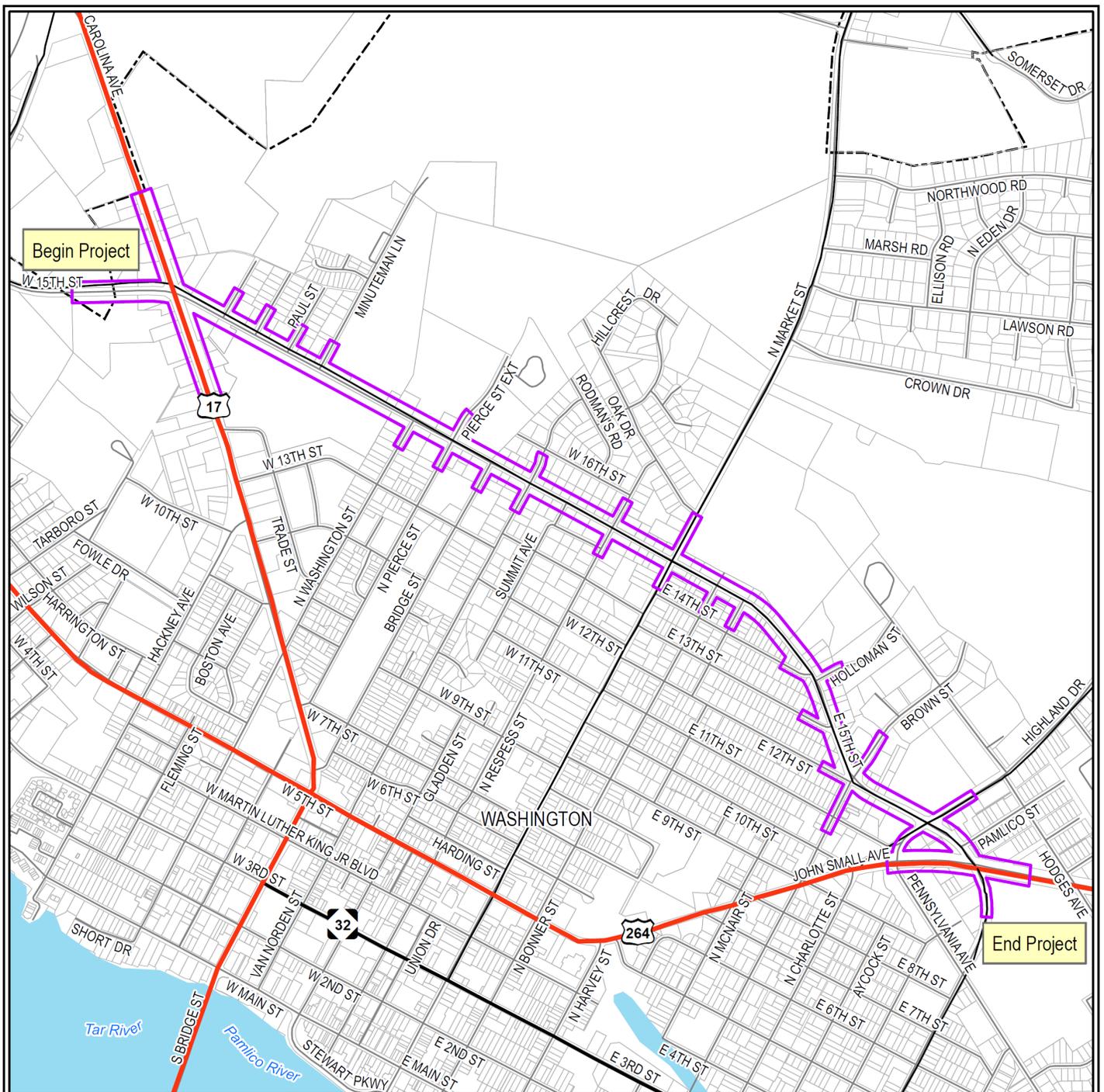
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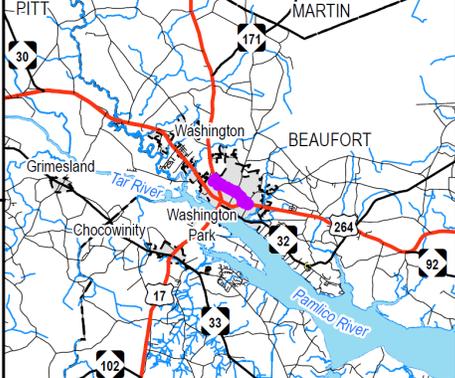
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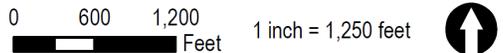



NCDOT STIP Project U-5860

15th Street Widening and Access Management Project in Washington, Beaufort County

- U-5860 Project Limit
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Secondary Route
- Open Water
- Parcel
- Municipal Limit

0 600 1,200 1 inch = 1,250 feet



Project Description and Need and Purpose

This project proposes to upgrade 15th Street from a multi-lane undivided road to a four-lane, raised median divided road beginning west of U.S. 17 Business (Carolina Avenue) to U.S. 264 (John Small Avenue). Median breaks will be provided for left turns as traffic volumes warrant. U-turns will also be provided at multiple locations.

Project Need: Traffic congestion on 15th Street project corridor in Washington.

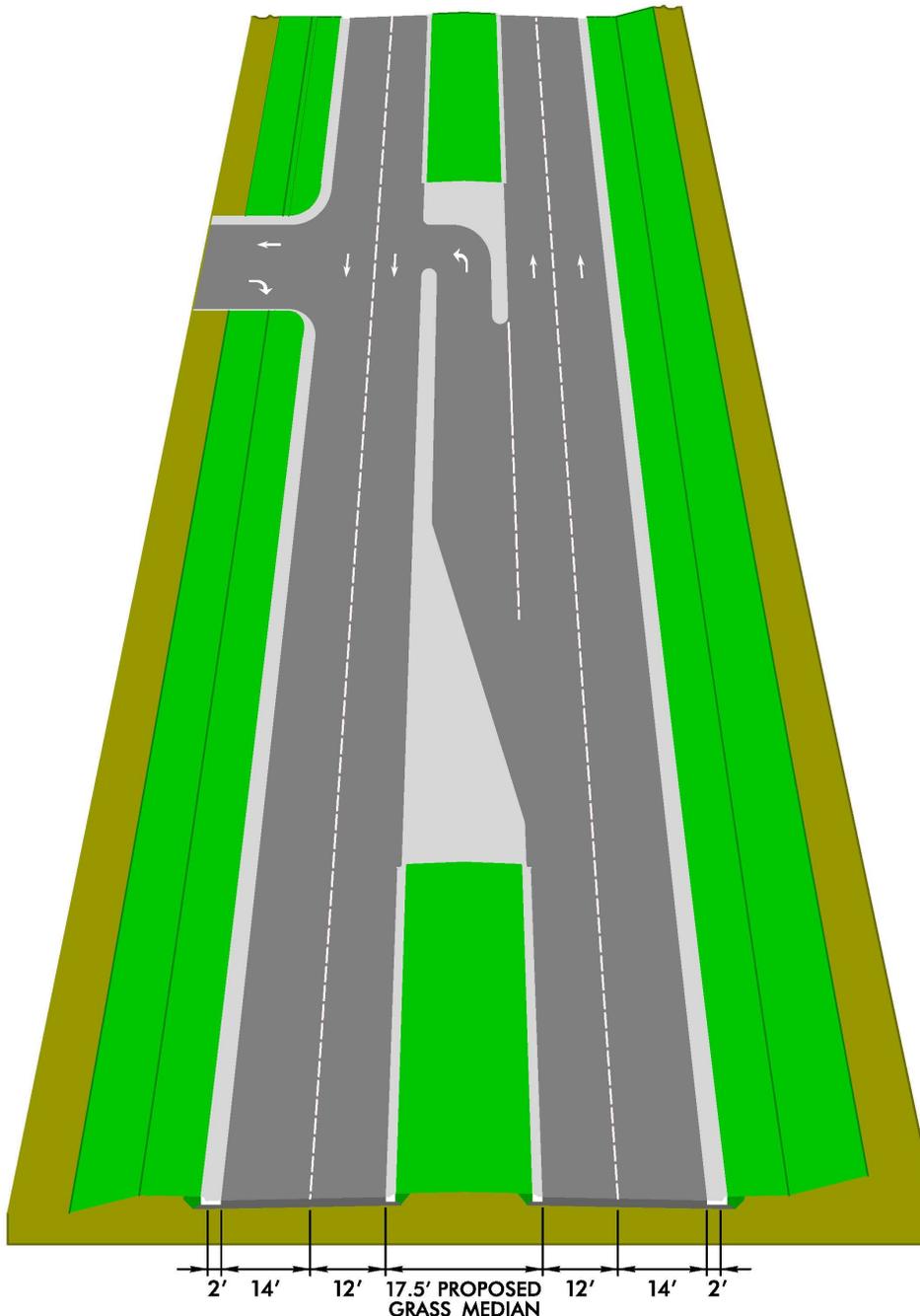
Project Purpose: To improve traffic and operational safety along the length of the project.

Project Information

- ◆ The proposed median is currently shown as grassed; the final treatment of the median will be coordinated with the City of Washington.
- ◆ U-turn movements for eastbound travelers will be provided at five locations:
 - ⇒ Minuteman Lane,
 - ⇒ North Pierce Street,
 - ⇒ Market Street,
 - ⇒ Holloman Street, and
 - ⇒ Brown Street.

The design accommodates U-turns by a passenger vehicle.

- ◆ One traffic signal is being relocated from Washington Street to North Pierce Street. Potential new signal locations will be evaluated as part of the project and new signals may be added along the project corridor.



Typical Section, Perspective View—the raised median will provide turning lanes for left turns. U-turns will be posted.

Project Background

NCDOT hosted a Public Meeting for a similar project (STIP Project W-5008) on September 30, 2014. STIP Project W-5008 proposed similar operational improvements for a shorter section of 15th Street, between U.S. 17 Business (Carolina Avenue) and North Bridge Street. In September 2015, NCDOT expanded the project scope and extended the project limits to Brown Street/12th Street resulting in a new STIP Project U-5860. STIP Project U-5860 includes the same proposed median breaks as STIP Project W-5008 had.

The operational improvements proposed by STIP Project U-5860 are consistent with a “synchronized street”. The attached NCDOT Synchronized Streets flier provides additional information about these types of streets and some of their benefits.

Tentative Project Schedule & Estimated Costs

As project design continues to be refined, updated construction costs will be developed. The project schedule is subject to change.

2016-2025 STIP Schedule and Estimated Costs

	Fiscal Year	Total Estimated Costs
Right of Way	2017	\$5,885,000
Utility Relocation	2017	\$706,000
Construction	2019	\$9,609,000
Total Project Cost		\$16,200,000
<i>Note: The cost estimates are from the 2016-2025 STIP.</i>		

What Happens Next?

NCDOT will review the public input provided at this meeting and explore options to incorporate changes and address concerns where and when feasible. NCDOT will continue to develop STIP Project U-5860 and will present our progress at a second Open House Public Meeting to be scheduled in early 2017.

In the meantime, stay informed about this project by visiting the web page:

www.ncdot.ncdot.gov/projects/15thstreet