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PROJECT NEWSLETTERS

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GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS CORRIDOR STUDY

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT R-2250

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1995 NO. 1

This newsletter is being sent to you because you have expressed interest in the proposed Greenville Southwest Bypass (Transportation Improvement Program Project R-2250) at one of our two Citizens Informational Workshops or by phone or letter. This newsletter represents an update on the status of this project.

The three corridors that were presented at the March, 1994 Citizens Informational Workshop held at Pitt Community College are still being studied. There is no preferred alternative at this time. Environmental and design studies are being performed on each corridor to assess the environmental impacts. Over the course of the next few months you may notice N.C. Department of Transportation personnel along the proposed corridors gathering information.

Also, the project schedule is as follows. Completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the preliminary planning document, is scheduled for the fall of 1995. The DEIS will present project costs, a comparison of the environmental impacts, and traffic service for all three corridors and comments received from the Citizens Informational Workshops. The Corridor Public Hearing is scheduled for late 1995. At the Corridor Public Hearing, all three corridors will be presented for comments and questions. However, a recommended alternative will not be presented at that time.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), the final planning document, will address comments received at the Corridor Public Hearing and present a recommended alternative. The FEIS is scheduled for completion near the end of 1996. The Record of Decision (ROD), the final approval for the recommended alternative, is scheduled for completion during the summer of 1997. The Design Public Hearing is scheduled for the fall of 1997. At the Design Public Hearing, the recommended corridor for the proposed Greenville Southwest Bypass will be presented, and approximate right-of-way limits will be shown. If you are on the mailing list, you will be contacted by letter once the above public hearings are scheduled.

If you want to look at the three corridors under study, they can be viewed at the Pitt County Planning Office located in the Development Services Building at 1717 West Fifth Street in Greenville or at the Winterville Town Hall. If you have any questions regarding the project, you may call the Project Planning Engineer, Ed Lewis, at (919) 733-3141 or write to:

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Planning and Environmental Branch
NC Department of Transportation
Greenville Southwest Bypass Corridor Study
PO Box 25201
Raleigh, NC 27611

CORRIDOR/ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROCESS

PHASE 1
DATA COLLECTION
1ST CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
INVENTORY OF PLANNING ISSUES
DOCUMENT COMMUNITY CONCERNS
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS EVALUATION

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INITIAL FIELD STUDIES
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REVIEW COMMENTS ON THE DEIS
REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPT
SELECTION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

PHASE 6
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
RECORD OF DECISION

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Public participation is an important part of the planning process for this project. Several strategies will be implemented to inform the public about the project and to solicit citizen input for planning and development, including newsletters, phone-in and mail contact, citizen workshops and local newspaper advertisements.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, a mailing list has been developed which includes the names of local citizens who have expressed interest in the Greenville Southwest Bypass. This list will be updated throughout the project study and used to distribute subsequent newsletters and notifications of upcoming meetings and hearings. If you would like to be placed on the list, please fill out the enclosed form and send it to:

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NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in the public meetings held for the R-2250 project to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To receive special services contact:

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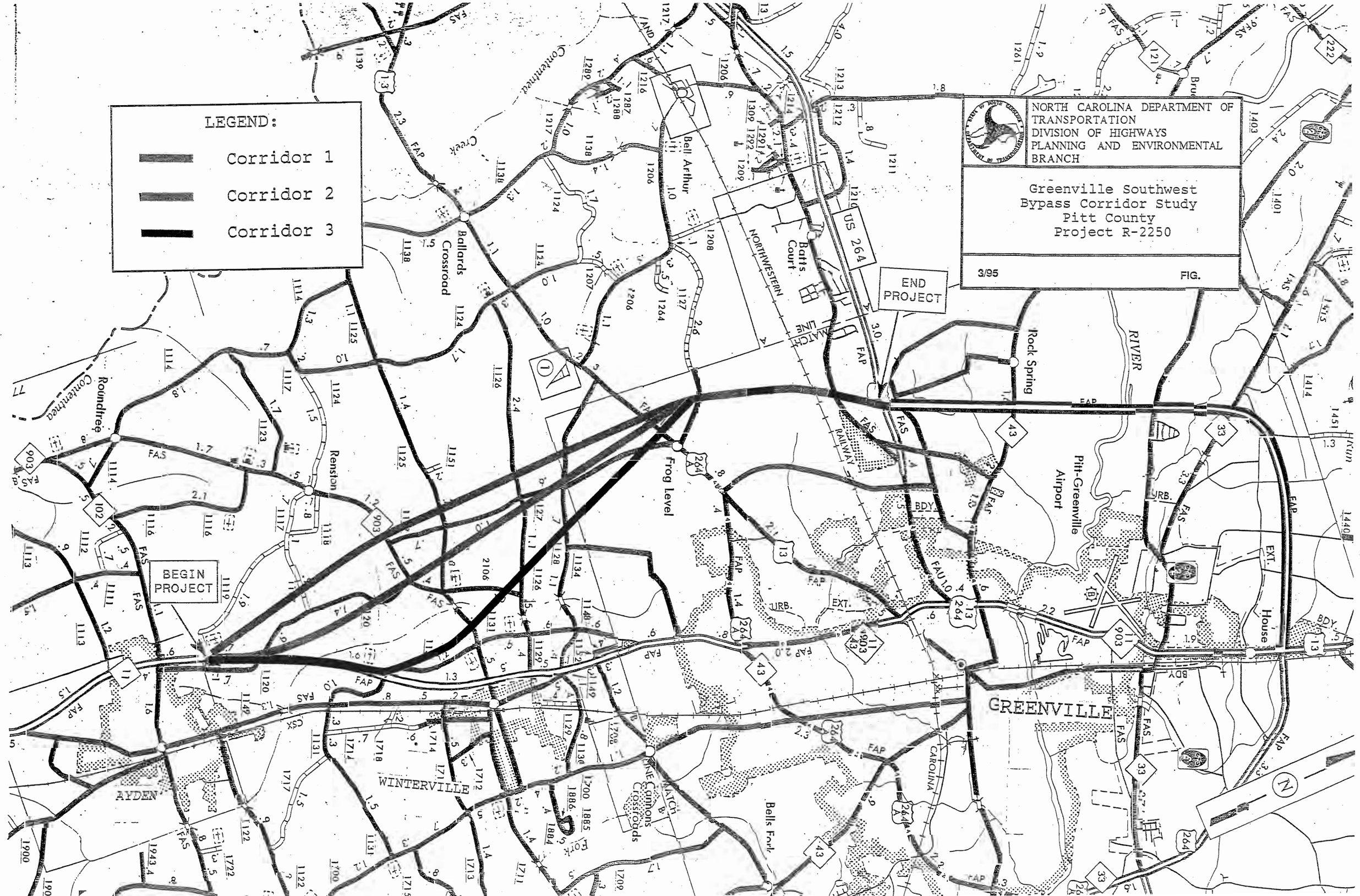
Please give adequate notice prior to the date of the workshop.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RAILWAY

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Telephone Number: (___) _____

Neighborhood Organization/Affiliation: _____

Comments: _____

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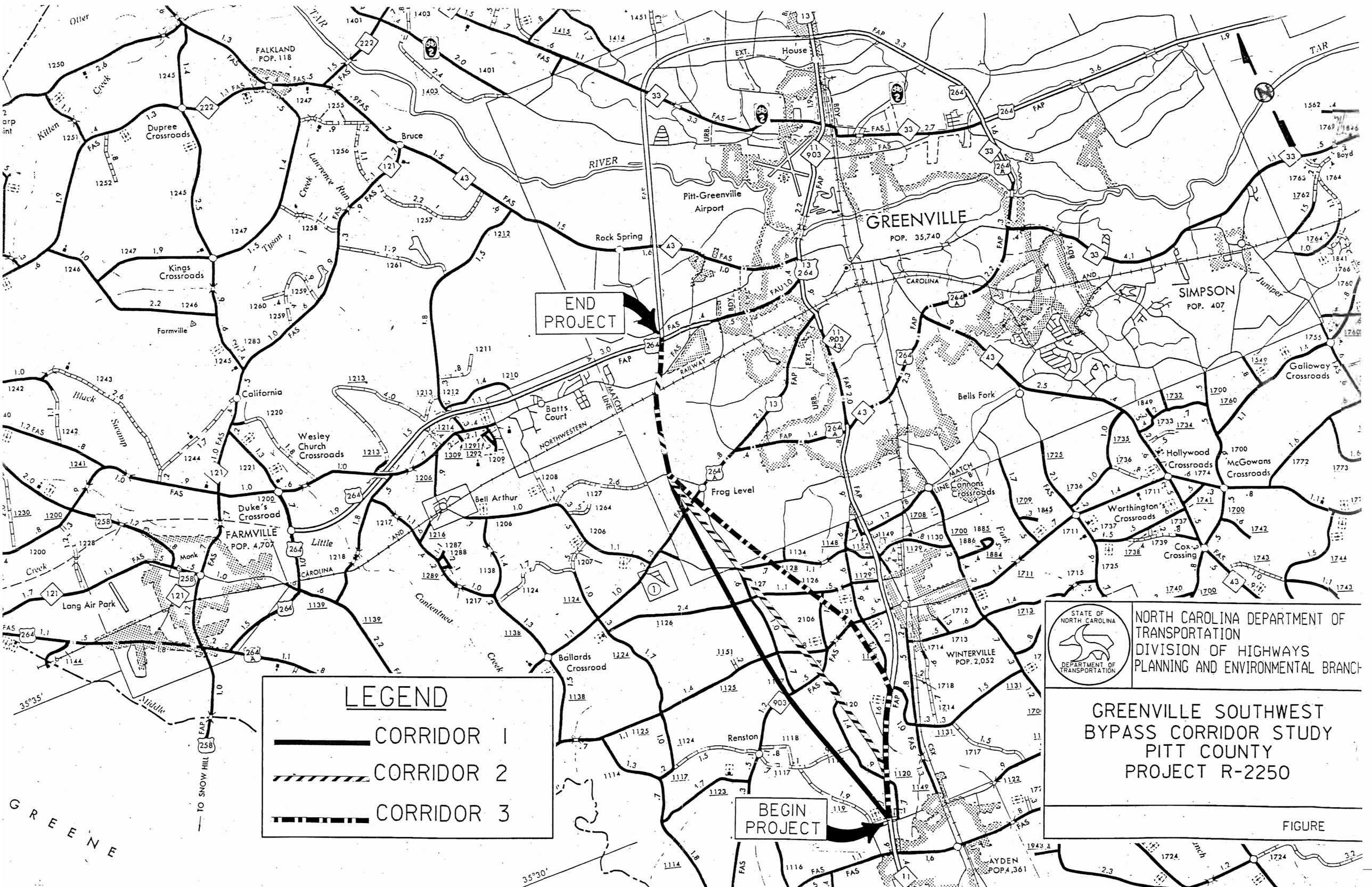
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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1999 NO. 3

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT R-2250

GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS CORRIDOR STUDY

This newsletter is to update you on the proposed Greenville Southwest Bypass, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project R-2250. Not much has changed on this project since the December 1995 newsletter, due to changing funding priorities.

The three corridors presented at the March 1994 Citizens Informational Workshop held at Pitt Community College are still being studied. At this time, there is no preferred corridor. Environmental and design studies to assess the environmental impacts of each corridor are in progress.

The project schedule has been revised. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is scheduled for completion in March 2000. The DEIS will include project costs, a comparison of the environmental impacts, and traffic service for all three corridors. A Corridor Public Hearing, tentatively scheduled for July 2000, will be held after completion of the DEIS to obtain input from the public on the three study corridors. A recommended alternative will not be presented at the hearing.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will include a recommended alternative and is scheduled for completion in July 2001.

A Design Public Hearing will be scheduled after completion of the FEIS to present the recommended corridor to the public. The approximate right-of-way limits will also be presented. Citizens will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the recommended alternative at this hearing.

The Record of Decision (ROD), the final planning document, is scheduled for publication in January 2002. The ROD is a public notice which appears in the Federal Register and records the steps taken to determine that the recommended alternative is the least damaging to the environment. Right of way acquisition is scheduled to begin in October 2004, and construction is scheduled to begin in October 2006, for the northern portion of the project, from SR 1128 (Davenport Farm Road) to US 264. If you are on the mailing list, you will be contacted by letter once the public hearings are scheduled.

A map of the three study corridors is included. If you would like more information on the three corridors under study, contact the Project Development Engineer, Richard Brewer, P. E., at (919) 733-7844 ext. 242, or write:

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GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS STUDY (IMPROVEMENTS TO NC 11 & US 264 BUSINESS)

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT R-2250
STATE PROJECT NO. 8.1221401

North Carolina Department of Transportation

NEWSLETTER

September 2001 Issue No. 4

This newsletter is the fourth in a series of newsletters published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to inform the public about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study. Since the last newsletter in June 1999, the NCDOT has incorporated new agency coordination procedures into the study and contracted the private engineering firm H.W. Lochner, Inc. to complete the environmental studies. Lochner will prepare the alternate evaluation, develop the preliminary design for the build alternates, and prepare the environmental documents. The purpose of this newsletter is to give an overview of the project studies, to update the project schedule, and to announce an upcoming informational workshop.

CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

NCDOT is requesting your presence at a Citizens Informational Workshop to review the preliminary alternates under consideration and to assist with the identification of the alternates to be carried forward for detailed evaluation. The Workshop is scheduled in the Gymnasium at ***Boyd Lee Park*** on ***October 25, 2001*** from ***4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*** Boyd Lee Park is located at 5184 Corey Road.

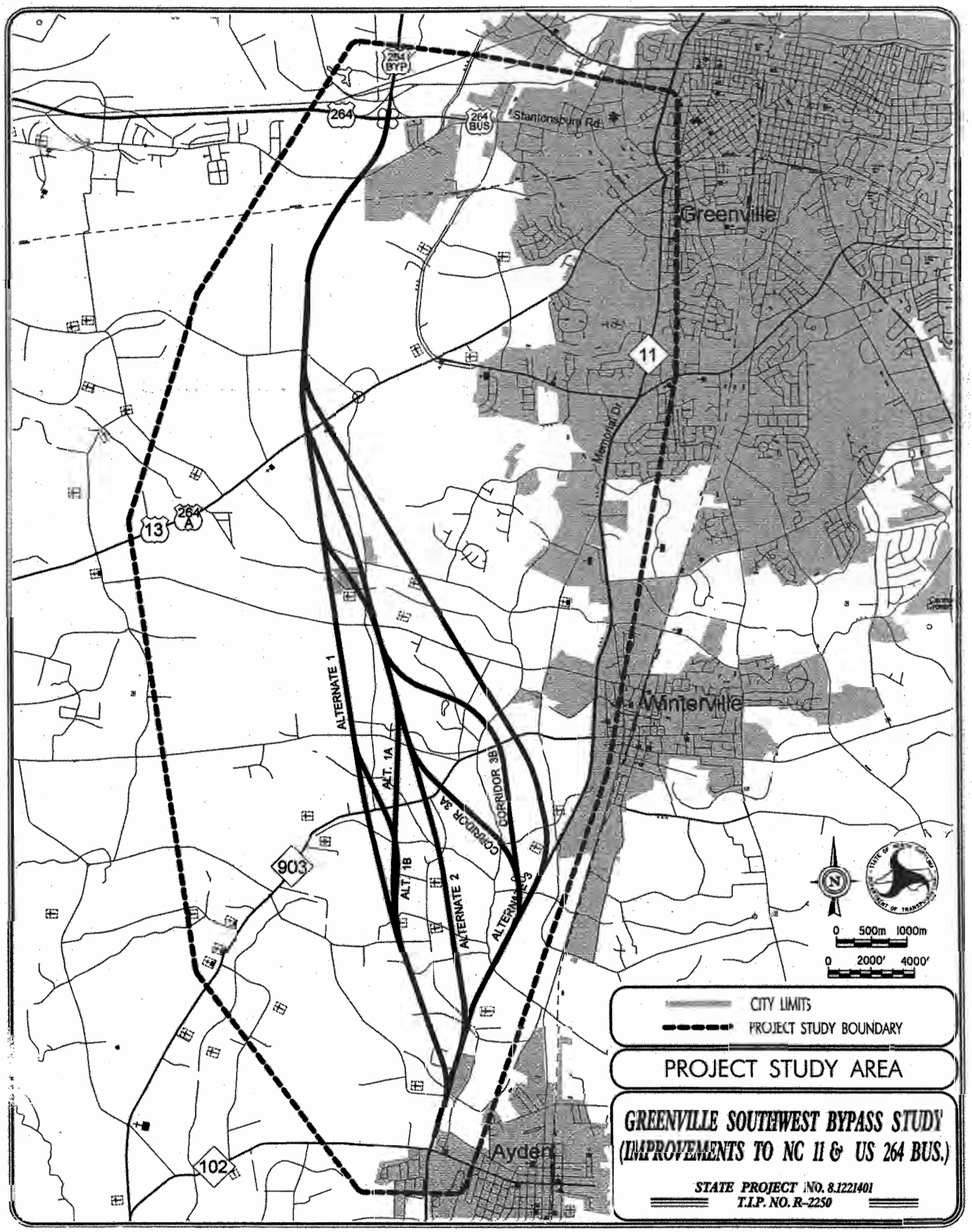
Representatives from the NCDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the city of Greenville, the Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and H.W. Lochner, Inc. will be available to answer questions and provide information on the project and new agency coordination procedures. A map showing the preliminary alternates under consideration for the project will on display at the Workshop.

SEVEN PROJECT ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED

Local, state, and federal agencies reviewed the five alternates (1, 1A, 1B, 2, and 3) that were shown at the September 1996 Public Meeting. These five alternates are shown on the map included in this newsletter. Each alternate represents a corridor approximately 1000 feet in width.

During the agency review of the five alternates, the FHWA and the federal and state environmental resource and regulatory agencies requested two additional alternates be evaluated, an Upgrade Existing Route Alternative and a Western Alternate. The Upgrade Existing Route Alternative includes improving existing Stantonsburg Road (US 264 Business) from US 264 Bypass to NC 11 (Memorial Drive) and improving NC 11 from Stantonsburg Road to NC 102. The Western Alternate is on new location and located west of Alternate 1.

In addition to evaluating the two new alternates, variations of Alternates 1, 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 from their original corridor locations are also being reviewed. These corridor variations are being developed to avoid new developments that are proposed or were constructed in the project area since the five alternates were originally identified. The original alternates, with the new corridor revisions, and the two new alternates will be shown at the upcoming October 25th Citizens Informational Workshop.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NEW COORDINATION PROCEDURES INCORPORATED INTO BYPASS STUDY

Procedures for the participation of Federal, state, and local agencies at key decision-making points in the development of transportation projects were developed after the environmental impact studies for the Greenville Southwest Bypass project began. These procedures, which allow appropriate agencies to "have a say" earlier in the transportation development and environmental study process, are being incorporated into the Bypass study. The NCDOT, the FHWA, and the agencies will review, evaluate, and reach "concurrence" on all major project decisions, which may result in a significant affect on the human and natural environments. These procedures involve providing more refined information to the agencies, and the public, earlier in the project development processes. This may mean more time is required to complete the study process, but it also means less time is required later, during the environmental permit application process, prior to construction.

The agencies involved in the decision making process for this project are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (Division of Water Quality, Marine Fisheries, and Wildlife Resources), N.C. State Historic Preservation Office, and the Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Four "concurrence" points are identified by the procedures.

- **Concurrence Point 1:** The Purpose of and Need for the Project. Concurrence on the purpose and need for the project was achieved in February 2001.
- **Concurrence Point 2:** The identification of the alternates that will be carried forward for detailed studies.
- **Concurrence Point 3:** The selection of the "least environmentally damaging and practicable alternative" (LEDPA) or preferred alternate for the project.
- **Concurrence Point 4:** The avoidance and minimization techniques, which will be incorporated in the design of the LEDPA.

WEB SITE

www.dot.state.nc.us/projects/greenville/

A Web Site has been developed for the project. It will be updated periodically to provide current, up-to-date information about the progress of the project and any upcoming workshops and hearings.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following schedule incorporates the agency coordination procedures and shows the time line for completing the project.

- ☑ Obtain Concurrence Point 1---- February 2001
- Hold Public Meeting ---------- October 2001
- Obtain Concurrence Point 2---- February 2002
- Complete Draft Environmental Document------- Winter 2003
- Hold Public Hearing---------- Spring 2003
- Obtain Concurrence Point 3 --- Summer 2003
- Obtain Concurrence Point 4 --- Winter 2004
- Complete Final Environmental Document------- Fall 2004
- Purchase Right of Way --------- Fall 2006
- Construction ---------- After 2008

The alternates for detailed study will be identified in February 2002. The factors involved in this identification include the public's comments from the upcoming October 25th Citizens Informational Workshop and a preliminary review of the potential impacts to the human and natural environments. A newsletter will be mailed to inform everyone of the alternates selected.

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CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

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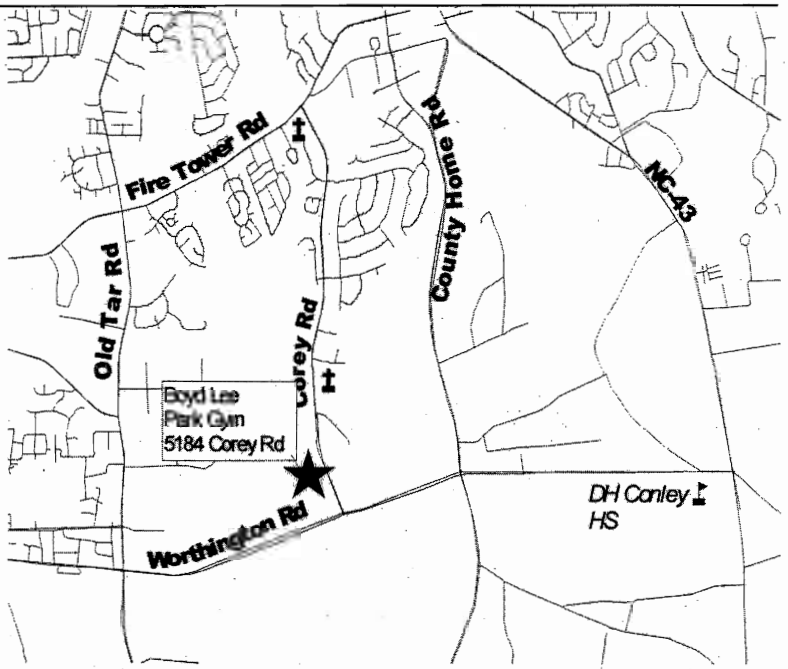

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: 1-800-554-7849

A toll free number for the public to discuss issues and concerns about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study (Improvements to NC 11 and US 264 Business) is available during normal business hours.

Or Write:
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GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS STUDY (NC 11 – US 264 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS)

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT R-2250
STATE PROJECT NO. 8.1221401

North Carolina Department of Transportation

NEWSLETTER

April 2002 Issue No. 5

This newsletter is the fifth in a series of newsletters published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to inform the public about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study. A Citizens Informational Workshop was held on October 25, 2001 to present the preliminary alternates to the public for comment. This newsletter is to inform the public which alternates were selected for detailed study.

WEB SITE

Please visit the NCDOT project web site for current project information. Project maps, copies of this newsletter, and comment sheets are available on the web site.

www.ncdot.org/projects/greenville/

FIVE ALTERNATES SELECTED FOR DETAILED STUDY

Five alternates were selected for detailed study by local, state, and federal agencies. These alternates included the Upgrade Existing Alternative and Corridors 1, 1A, 1B, and 4. These alternates are shown on the map included in this newsletter.

The Upgrade Existing Alternate was retained to minimize impacts to wetlands and stream crossings. This alternate consists of the addition of two lanes in each direction on Memorial Drive from NC 102 to Stantonsburg Road and one lane in each direction on Stantonsburg Road from Memorial Drive to US 264 Bypass.

Corridor 1 was retained because of its proximity to Frog Level Road and its fewer relocations and impacts to wetlands. Corridors 1A and 1B follow the same basic corridor as Corridor 1 in the vicinity of the Charles McLawhorn Property. These corridors were developed to avoid impacting this historic property. Corridor 4 was retained because of its western location, which enables it to avoid the Charles McLawhorn Property and the new developments proposed and under construction in the project area.

A copy of the corridor map that was displayed at the October 25, 2001 Citizens Informational Workshop is available at the NCDOT Division Office, 105 Pactolus Hwy (NC 33) Greenville, NC 27835. The Division Office phone number is (252) 830-3490.

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MAP SHOWING THE CORRIDORS

MERGER TEAM MEETS TO SELECT ALTERNATIVES

The Project Merger Team met on February 20, 2002 to select detail study alternatives from among the ten preliminary corridors (1, 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 4A, and Upgrade Existing) that were shown at the October 25, 2001 Citizens Informational Workshop. This selection coincides with Concurrence Point 2 of the Section 404/NEPA Merger Process.

The Merger Team consists of the Federal Highway Administration, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Division of Water Quality and Wildlife Resources Commission), North Carolina Division of Cultural Resources, and the Greenville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Merger Team evaluated the alternatives based on their potential to impact both the human and natural environments and on comments received during the Citizens Informational Workshop and Local Officials meeting. Examples of the environmental impacts evaluated included relocations, commercial developments, and impacts to wetlands, streams, and historic properties.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following schedule incorporates the agency coordination procedures and shows the time line for completing the project.

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FIVE ALTERNATES ELIMINATED

Five of the ten preliminary corridors (2, 3, 3A, 3B, and 4A) were eliminated from further consideration by the Merger Team. Corridor 2 was eliminated because it would impact wetlands associated with Swift Creek. Corridor 3 was eliminated because it would impact a newly constructed high school, a planned elementary school, and an historic property. Corridors 3A and 3B were eliminated because they both would impact wetlands and bottomland hardwoods along Swift Creek. Corridor 4A was eliminated because it would impact commercial developments in Ayden.

DETAILED STUDIES FOR PROJECT ALTERNATES

The Upgrade Existing Alternative and Corridors 1, 1A, 1B, and 4 will undergo detailed studies to determine which one is the "Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative" (Concurrence Point 3 of the Section 404/NEPA Merger Process).

The detailed studies include the evaluation of each alternative's potential effect on cultural resources, the human environment, and the natural environment. Evaluation of the human environment includes assessment of population and growth characteristics, labor force/employment, income ranges, housing characteristics, visual characteristics, farmland, air quality, noise, land use planning, community facilities and services, and transportation facilities. Cultural resources evaluation determines the impacts on historic or prehistoric archaeological sites or historic architectural resources. Evaluation of the natural environment includes assessment of biotic resources, physical resources (soils, water, agricultural districts), water quality, wetlands, and rare and protected species.

During the next year, environmental professionals will conduct field studies on each of the alternatives selected for detailed study. Property owners are requested to allow these individuals access to the land contained in the various corridors. Field studies will be conducted for wetlands, streams, natural communities, protected species, noise, archaeology, historic resources, and hazardous materials. Your cooperation with these studies will aid in completing the evaluation of environmental impacts associated with the study corridors.

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NEXT STEP FOR THE PROJECT

Complete Draft Environmental Document

Detailed human and natural environmental studies will be conducted during the next six to eight months. These studies will be essential in the evaluation of alternatives and the selection of a preferred alternative. The findings from the detailed study will be included in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will be available for citizens and local officials prior to the public hearing. The public hearing will provide citizens the opportunity to comment on study findings and voice their support for a preferred alternative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Greenville Southwest Bypass

NEWSLETTER

March 2005 TIP NO. R-2250 STATE PROJECT NO. 8.1221401 ISSUE NO. 6

This newsletter is the sixth in a series published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to inform the public about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study. Since the last newsletter, additional alternatives have been added to the study and the alternatives selected for detailed study have changed. This newsletter provides information on the status of the project, upcoming opportunities for public involvement, and who you can contact with questions and comments.

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NCDOT to Host Citizens Informational Workshop

On April 12, 2005, NCDOT will host a Citizens Informational Workshop at South Central High School (570 W. Forlines Road) in Winterville. The purpose of this informal workshop is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the roadway alternatives selected for detailed study for the Greenville Southwest Bypass.

This workshop is a "drop-in" format with no formal presentations. Please feel free to visit during the hours of 4p.m. to 7p.m. to view the corridor maps showing the locations of the detailed study corridors and to learn more about anticipated project impacts. NCDOT staff and study team members will be present to hear your ideas and concerns and answer any questions.

When & Where:

April 12, 2005, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

South Central High School Cafeteria

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in the workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Colista Freeman at 919-733-3141 or by email at **csfreeman@dot.state.nc.us** as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Three Alternatives Selected for Detailed Study

On February 17, 2005, local, state, and federal agencies met to review and discuss the alternatives under consideration for the Greenville Southwest Bypass. As a result of this meeting, Alternatives 1, 1A, 1B, 4, 5, 1-EXT, 1A-EXT, and the Upgrade Existing Alternative were removed from detailed study. The three alternatives selected for detailed study are Alternatives 1B-EXT, 4-EXT, and 5-EXT.

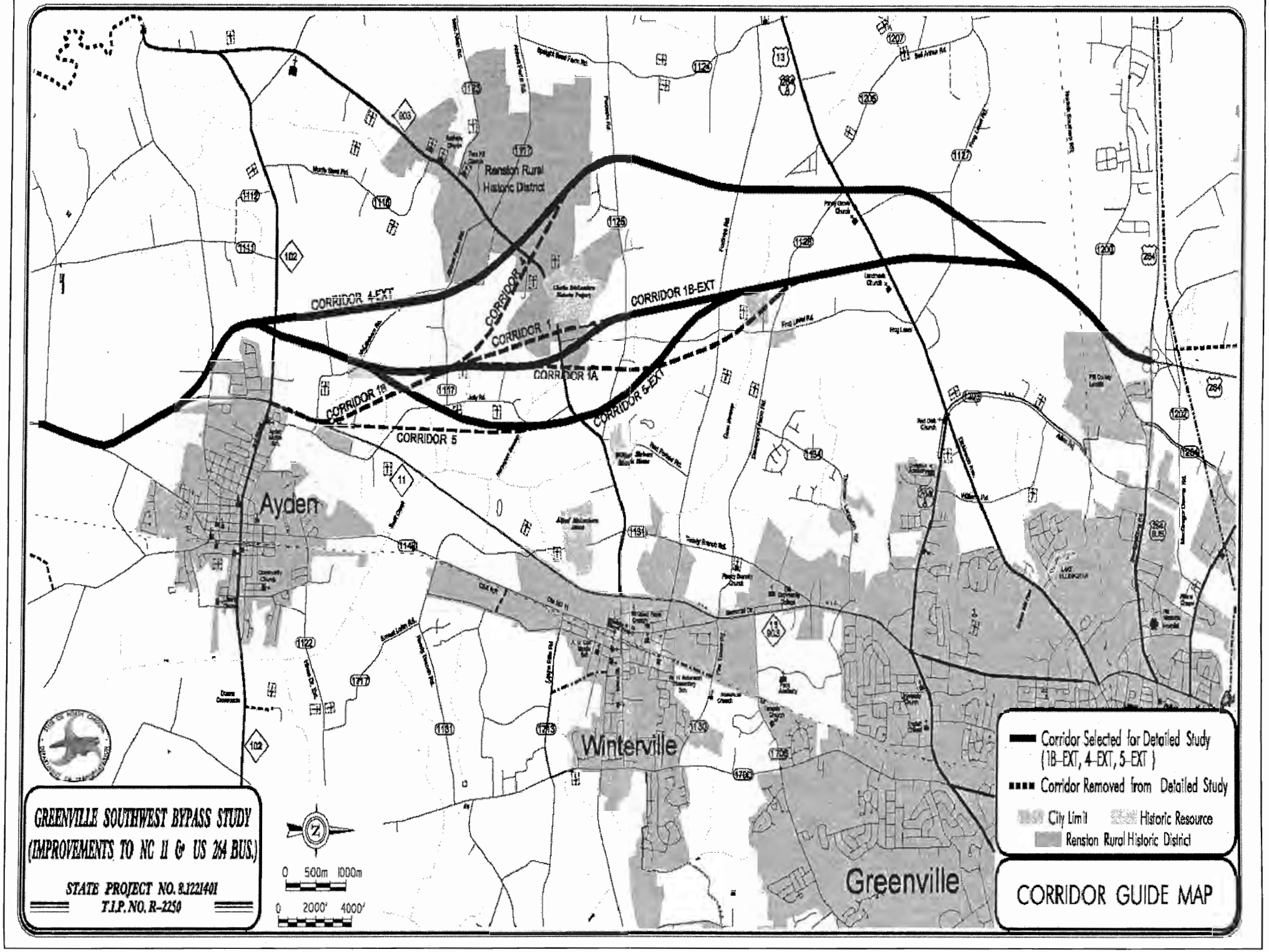
Some History....

In February 2001, five alternatives were selected for detailed study. The alternatives included the Upgrade Existing Alternative, Corridors 1, 1A, 1B, and 4.

In December 2003, the Renston Rural Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Renston Historic District is shown on the map on Page 2 of this newsletter. An alternative was developed to minimize impacts to the district. This alternative was named Alternative 5.

During the development of alternatives, design year traffic volumes were studied at the NC 102/NC 11 intersection in the Town of Ayden. Traffic studies showed the existing intersection would be over capacity and would not operate at an acceptable level of service for the design year. An interchange at NC 102/NC 11 was considered; however, the Town of Ayden voiced concerns over impacts the interchange would cause.

An alternative alignment that extends the Bypass south of the NC 102/NC 11 intersection was developed. This alignment is known as the Southern Extension. The Southern Extension (-EXT) connects to the alternatives already under study and the new avoidance alternative creating Alternatives 1-EXT, 1A-EXT, 1B-EXT, 4-EXT, and 5-EXT.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Ayden
Winterville
Greenville
Corridor Selected for Detailed Study (1B-EXT, 4-EXT, 5-EXT)
Corridor Removed from Detailed Study
City Limit
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CORRIDOR GUIDE MAP
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What Happens Next?

What Happens Next? During the next year, environmental professionals will conduct field studies on each of the alternatives selected for detailed study. A map showing the location of the alternatives is shown on the previous page.

What will be studied? Study team members will evaluate the following characteristics of your community: population and growth, visual characteristics, farmland, air quality, noise, land use planning, community facilities and services, and will further study the network of transportation facilities. In addition, cultural resource evaluations will be conducted to determine if there will be impacts to historic archaeological sites or historic architectural resources. The final evaluation is an assessment of the natural environment. Studies include an assessment of biotic resources, physical resources (soils, water, and agricultural districts), water quality, wetlands, and rare and protected species.

Property owners are asked to please allow these individuals access to the land contained in the study corridors. Field studies will be conducted for wetlands, streams, natural communities, protected species, noise, archaeology, historic resources, and hazardous materials. Your cooperation with these studies will aid in completing the evaluation of environmental impacts associated with the study corridors.

Project Schedule

Establish Purpose & Need
February 2001

Hold Public Meeting
October 2001

Select Alternatives for Study
February 2005

Complete Draft Environmental Document
Spring 2006

Hold Public Hearing
Summer 2006

Select Preferred Alternative
Summer 2006

Complete Final Environmental Document
Spring 2007

Design Public Hearing
Fall 2007

Purchase Right of Way
Spring 2009

Construction
After 2009

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Project Website

Please visit the NCDOT project website for current project information. There you will find information on the environmental study process, a project schedule, and a Frequently Asked Questions section. The project website contains project maps, copies of this newsletter and previous newsletters, up-to-date information about the progress of the project and upcoming workshops and hearings. On the website you can sign up for the project mailing list or send us your comments by email.

For More Information:

- On the Web: www.ncdot.org/projects/greenville
- By Telephone: 1-800-554-7849
- By E-mail: greenville@hwlochner.com

Citizens Informational Workshop

A Citizens Informational Workshop will be held on **April 12, 2005** in the South Central High School Cafeteria.

Workshop
Where: South Central High School
Address: 570 W. Forlines Road
Date: **Tuesday, April 12, 2005**
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Can't make it to the workshop?
Call us with comments or questions:

TOLL-FREE HOTLINE

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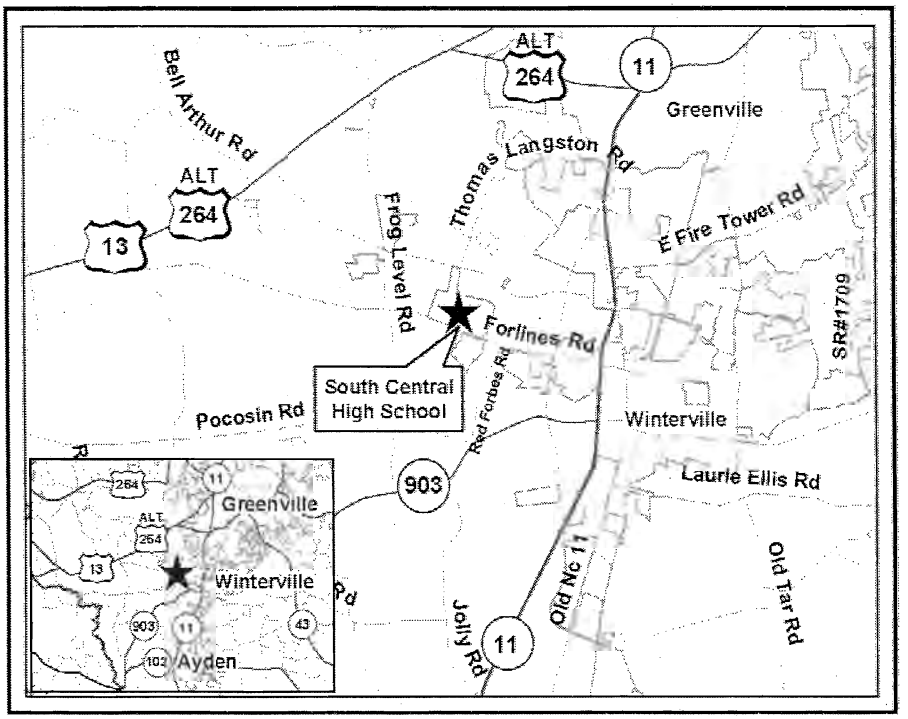
(8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekdays)



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Greenville Southwest Bypass Project

August 2006 TIP No. R-2250 State Project No. 8.1221401 Issue No. 7

What is the Status of the Study?

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project was approved on July 11, 2006. The DEIS is a tool for decision making that describes the impacts of undertaking a project and evaluates alternatives for the project. The DEIS describes how a project might impact residents, businesses, farmland, historic and archaeological resources, protected species, noise and air quality, wetlands, water quality, and utilities. The Greenville Southwest Bypass DEIS analyzes three different alternative corridors for the project (see map on page 2). One of these three alternatives will be selected as the Preferred Alternative.

The DEIS will be available for public review and comment at government offices throughout Pitt County. NCDOT will accept comments on the DEIS until September 22, 2006. If you wish to comment, please submit your comment(s) in writing to:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call the project hotline at **1-800-554-7849** or email questions to:
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Open House and Public Hearing Dates, Locations, and Times

Pre-Hearing Open House:

Monday August 21st at A.G. Cox Middle School — 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday August 22nd at Ayden Middle School — 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Thursday September 7th at South Central High School — 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Public Hearing:

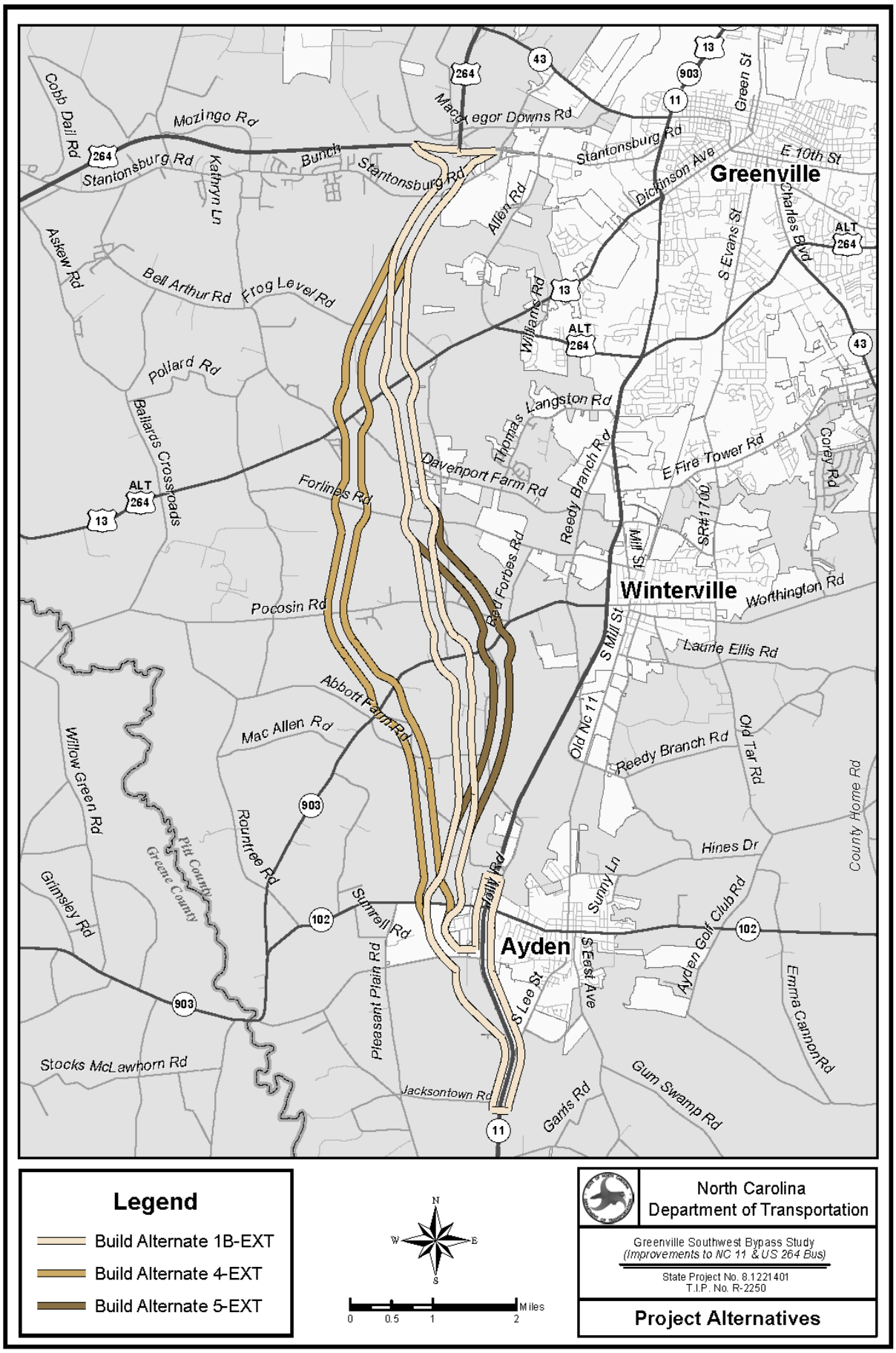
Thursday September 7th at South Central High School — Begins at 7:00pm

Pre-Hearing Open House / Corridor Public Hearing

Pre-Hearing Open Houses and a Corridor Public Hearing are scheduled at various dates and locations in order to provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the proposed project, view project maps, and discuss the project with representatives of the study team. The pre-hearing open house meetings will be informal, with the public welcome to drop in at any time. The Corridor Public Hearing will follow the last open house and will consist of a formal presentation by NCDOT on the three alternatives. Time will also be included for the public to give formal statements or comments on the project.

Anyone wishing to speak at the formal hearing may register to do so at the open houses, immediately prior to the formal hearing, or by calling 1-800-554-7849.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in the workshop and hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ed Lewis as early as possible so that arrangements can be made (see page 3 for contact information).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T.I.P. No. R-2250
Project Alternatives

What are the Next Steps?

Following the open house and hearing, the study team will review comments received at the hearing. This information, as well as results from natural resource and community studies presented in the DEIS, will be presented to the multi-agency team. This team will recommend a Preferred Alternative, which will be approved by NCDOT and FHWA. **The selection of a Preferred Alternative is scheduled for Fall 2006.**

Once the Preferred Alternative is selected, NCDOT will prepare **Official Corridor Protection Maps** for this route. This map will show properties within the proposed right of way for the Greenville Southwest Bypass. The map will be filed with the Register of Deeds in Pitt County. Once the map is filed, building permits will be restricted within the protected corridor.

A **Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)** will be prepared to document the selection of a Preferred Alternative for the project and to assess the impacts of this alternative to the natural and human environment. **The FEIS is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2007.**

A **Record of Decision** will be filed in Fall 2007. This will represent the final approval of the Preferred Alternative and signal the start of final design for the bypass. Another public hearing will be held to collect final comments on the design.

Once final designs for the bypass are completed, right of way acquisition will begin. **Right of way acquisition is scheduled to begin in Spring 2009.**

Selection of Preferred Alternative	Fall 2006
Final Environmental Impact Statement	Spring 2007
Record of Decision	Fall 2007
Design Public Hearing	Fall 2007
Begin Right of Way Acquisition	Spring 2009
Begin Construction	After 2012

Contacting the Study Team

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You may also contact the study team on our **Toll-Free Project Hotline at 1-800-554-7849.** Members of the study team are available weekdays during normal working hours to answer questions or take comments on the project.

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Pre-Hearing Open Houses
Where: **A.G. Cox Middle School**
Address: 2657 Church St, Winterville
Date: **August 21, 2006**
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: **Ayden Middle School**
Address: 192 Third St, Ayden
Date: **August 22, 2006**
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: **South Central High School**
Address: 570 W. Forlines Rd, Winterville
Date: **September 7, 2006**
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hearing
Where: **South Central High School**
Address: 570 W. Forlines Road
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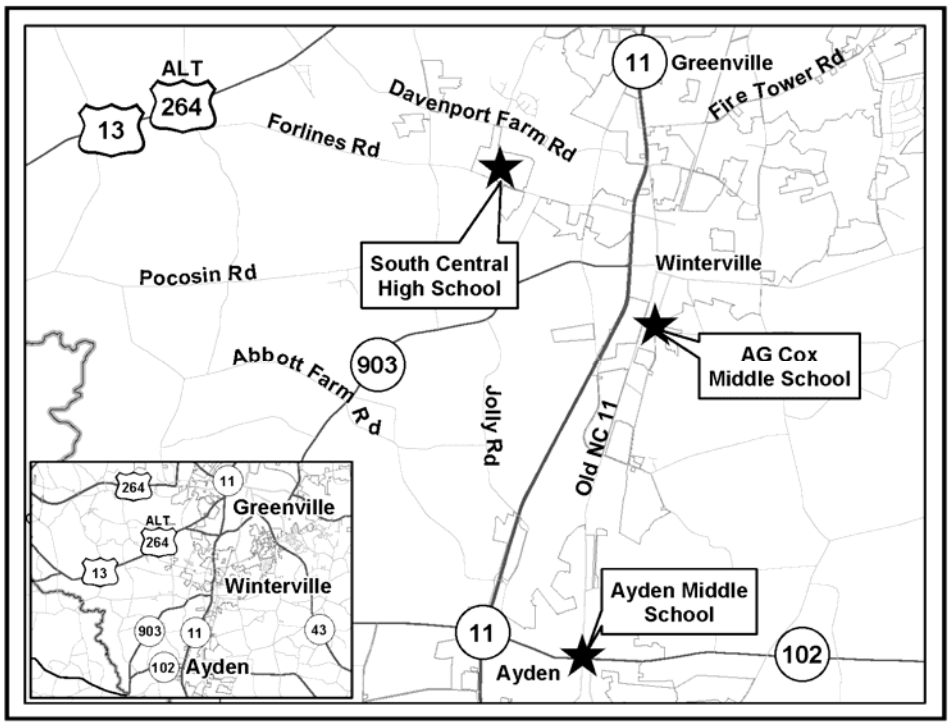
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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Preferred Alternative Selected for Greenville Southwest Bypass

NCDOT has identified **Alternative 4-EXT** as the Preferred Alternative for the Greenville Southwest Bypass. This alternative is shown on the map inside this newsletter.

In making this selection, NCDOT reviewed all public and agency comments and preferences. Public meetings were held on August 21, August 22 and September 7, 2006. More than 350 sets of comments were received during and following these meetings.

On November 16, 2006, NCDOT met with state and federal regulatory and resource agencies to review the alternatives. At this meeting, NCDOT, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the NC Division of Water Quality, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Office reached consensus on the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA).

Why is Alternative 4-EXT Preferred?

- This alternative has the fewest residential relocations and divides the fewest number of neighborhoods.
- This alternative has the lowest impacts to environmental resources, including wetlands, streams, and floodplains.
- The cost of the alternative is comparatively low.
- This alternative is supported by Pitt County, the City of Greenville, the Town of Winterville, and the Town of Ayden, as well as the Greenville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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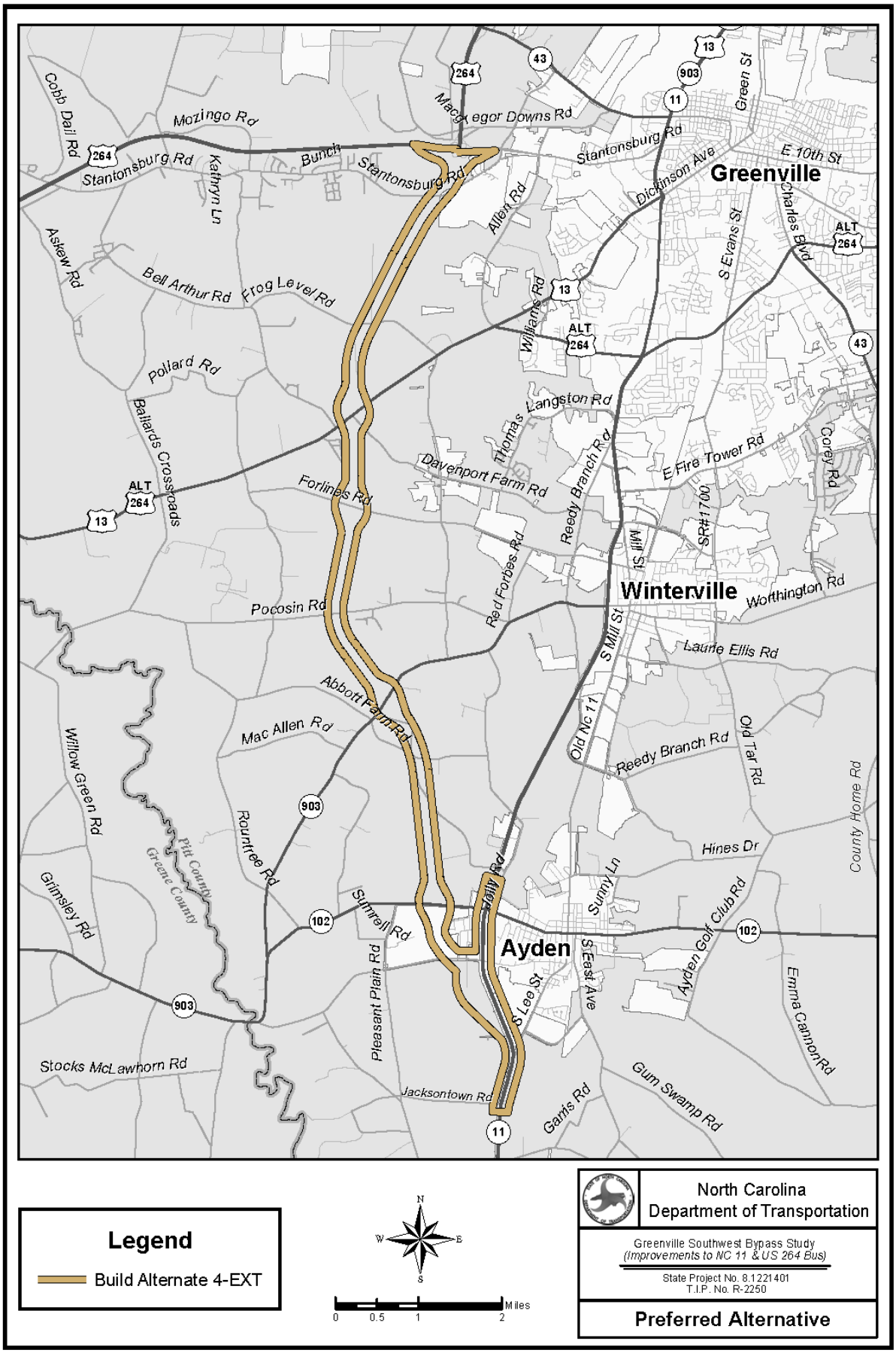
This newsletter is the eighth in a series published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to help keep the public informed about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Project. This newsletter provides information on the status of the project and contact information for public questions and comments.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Preferred Alternative

How was the Preferred Alternative Identified?

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzed the potential adverse and beneficial impacts of each of the three detailed study alternatives on the human and natural environments. This document was distributed in August 2006 for review and comment by the public, federal and state regulatory agencies, and the local governments. Comments were received from seven federal and state agencies and from each of the affected local governments.

Public comments were also accepted during three pre-hearing open houses and at a formal public hearing held in August and September 2006.

Approximately 650 people attended the public meetings. Thirty-four people spoke at the hearing, and NCDOT received more than 350 sets of written comments during the comment period, which ended October 9, 2006.

Of the comments received, the majority acknowledged the need for a bypass. Only ten individuals stated that a bypass was not needed, while 249 individuals indicated a favored alternative. Of these, 65 percent favored Alternative 4-EXT, citing comparatively low impacts to environmental resources and homes. Twenty percent favored Alternative 5-EXT, with many stating that because it is the closest alternative to existing NC 11 it would best alleviate traffic to preserve the Renston Rural Historic District. Four individuals preferred Alternative 1B-EXT as a compromise between the lower environmental impacts of Alternative 4-EXT and the higher cost of Alternative 5-EXT.

What's Next?

Avoidance and Minimization

The preliminary designs for the Preferred Alternative will be put though a process known as "Avoidance and Minimization." During this time, the Project Team will look at all possible ways to reduce the project's impacts as much as possible. This could include slight shifts in the location of the road, realignment of access roads, and minor modifications to interchanges. The impacts shown in the DEIS are considered to be the "worst case" scenario, and any changes made to the design will only lessen the impacts. These design revisions will be reviewed by federal and state regulatory agencies, who will concur that all impacts have been minimized as much as possible.

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Following agency concurrence that adequate impact minimization has been taken, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be prepared. This will document the selection of the Preferred Alternative, summarize minimization efforts, and describe the impacts to the natural and human environment. The FEIS is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2007.

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