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NEPA/404 Merger Concurrence Forms

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Section 404/NEPA Merger Project Team Meeting Agreement Concurrence Point No.1 - Purpose and Need.

Project No.
8.T731301

TIP Number
R 2237 C

Name
US 321 at Blowing Rock

Description:
The primary purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and level of service on US 321 from Blackberry Road to US 221. Without road improvements, the forecast traffic along this section of US 321 will exceed the road's capacity, creating undesirable levels of service. The proposed improvement will provide congestion relief. Reduce accidents on US 321 within Blowing Rock. Additionally without road improvements, high accident rates are expected to continue. The number of accidents will likely rise as traffic volumes continue to rise.

Purpose and Need of Proposed Project:

See attached Purpose and Need Report, dated 11/4/1999

The Project Team concurred on this date of 11/4/99 with the Purpose of and Need for the proposed project as stated above.

USACE Steven W. Trump

NCDOT _____

USEPA _____

USFWS Marella A Barnick

NMFS _____

NPS _____

DCM _____

NCDWQ John E Hennessy

NCWRC David R. Cox

NCDCR Spiel Montgomery

NCDMF _____

FHWA Filip Dick

The Project Team concurred on this date of 11/4/99 with the Purpose of and Need for the proposed project as stated above.

USACE Steven W. [illegible]

USEPA [illegible]

NMFS N/A

DCM N/A

NCWRC David R. [illegible]

NCDMF N/A

NCDOT Missy Dickens

USFWS [illegible]

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NEPA /404 Merger Project Team Meeting Agreement Concurrence Point No. 2 - Alternatives to be Studied in Detail in the NEPA document.

Project No.
8.T731301

TIP Number
R 2237 C

Name
US 321 at Blowing Rock

Description:

The primary purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and level of service on US 321 from Blackberry Road to US 221. Without road improvements, the forecast traffic along this section of US 321 will exceed the road's capacity, creating undesirable levels of service. The proposed improvement will provide congestion relief. Reduce accidents on US 321 within Blowing Rock. Additionally without road improvements, high accident rates are expected to continue. The number of accidents will likely rise as traffic volumes continue to rise.

The team agrees that the Widening Alternative and Bypass Alternative 1 will be carried forward in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Project Team has concurred on this date of 1-18-01 with the "alternatives to be studied in detail" in the NEPA document as stated above.

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USEPA _____ USFWS _____

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DCM N/A NCDWQ _____

NCWRC _____ NCDCR _____

~~NCDMF~~ _____ FHWA _____

The Project Team has concurred on this date of 1-18-01 with the "alternatives to be studied in detail" in the NEPA document as stated above.

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NCWRC _____

NCDCR _____

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FHWA _____

The Project Team has concurred on this date of 1-18-01 with the "alternatives to be studied in detail" in the NEPA document as stated above.

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NCWRC _____ NCDCR _____

~~NCDMF~~ _____ FHWA _____

NEPA /404 Merger Project Team Agreement
Concurrence Point No. 3 – Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative

STATE PROJECT NUMBER: 6.739001T

TIP Number: R-2237C

Project Name: US 321 Improvements at Blowing Rock

Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative:

The Merger Team agrees that the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative for the US 321 Improvements project is the Widening Alternative corridor, as evaluated in the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Description of Widening Alternative:

The Widening Alternative will improve US 321 from two lanes to four lanes from Blackberry Road through the Town of Blowing Rock. Curves would be eased south of Blowing Rock and in the Norwood Circle and County Club Drive area of Blowing Rock. The project would include a four-lane section with shoulders until the Gideon Ridge area south of the Blowing Rock town limits; a four-lane section with curb and gutter and some turn lanes in Blowing Rock south of US 321 Business; and four lanes with a median and turn lanes north of US 321 Business. Several intersections also would be improved. The Widening Alternative will meet the project's Purpose and Need.

The Project Team has concurred on the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative this date of January 15, 2003.

USACE [signature] NCDOT [signature]

USEPA [signature] USFWS [signature]

NPS [signature] NCDWQ [signature]

NCWRC Marla J. Chambers NCDCR _____

Based on the effects upon historic properties, we are unable to concur in the LEDPA. However, we are prepared to move forward with the consultation process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Renee Gledhill-Earley SHPO/DCR

NEPA/404 Concurrence Points 4A and 2A – Avoidance and Minimization and Bridge Lengths.

State Project Number: 6.739001T

Transportation Improvement Project Number: R 2237C

Project Name: US 321 Improvements at Blowing Rock

The Merger Team concurred on April 20, 2004 with the recommended Avoidance and Minimization efforts regarding streams and wetlands for the Widening Alternative as follows:

Site 1 – No change from preliminary design shown on corridor hearing map.
Site 2 and 2A – No change from preliminary design shown on corridor hearing map.
Site 3 – No change from preliminary design shown on corridor hearing map; however impact quantity to be increased to show entire stream as a take.
Site 4 – No change from preliminary design shown on corridor hearing map.
Site 5 – No change from preliminary design shown on corridor hearing map.

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USEPA _____ USFWS _____

NPS _____ NCDWQ _____

NCWRC _____ NCDCR _____