Widening of Evans Street/Old Tar Road

TIP Project No. U-2817

Public Meeting Overview

This is the third public meeting for the Old Tar Road/Evans Street project (previous meetings were held September 2012 and November 2013). This meeting is the next step in a process used to select the best alternative and minimize community and environmental impacts along the project corridor. Comments received at this public meeting will aid NCDOT in choosing a preferred alternative and will be considered as part of the preparation of the final engineering designs for this project.

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Project Description

A range of alternatives meeting the purpose and need have been developed. Along the length of Evans Street/ Old Tar Road, a best-fit widening including four 12-foot travel lanes, a 23-foot median, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes are proposed for most of the project's length. The proposed typical section is shown on the next page.

Project Benefits

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase capacity and improve traffic flow along Old Tar Road/ Evans Street in the project area. These improvements are expected to increase safety along the roadway. The project will also provide bicycle lanes and sidewalks for cyclists and pedestrians, thereby improving safety and promoting these alternative means of travel.

Project Alternatives

NCDOT has reviewed several alternatives for improving Old Tar Road/Evans Street from Worthington Road in Winterville to Greenville Boulevard in Greenville. As a result of your previous comments and through coordination with the City of Greenville and Town of Winterville, the alternatives have been narrowed down to those presented on the following pages for more detailed review.

NCDOT is presenting these alternatives as well as other exhibits at the public meeting tonight. Your comments are critical in aiding NCDOT in finalizing decisions on this project. NCDOT hopes you will provide your comments for the intersection alternatives, as well as any other thoughts and suggestions you may have for the project.

NEPA Process

Any project that proposes to use federal funds is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). NEPA requires agencies seeking to use federal funds to identify a purpose and need for the project, review and disclose the human and environmental effects of the proposed project alternatives, allow the public an opportunity to comment throughout, and prepare an environmental report.

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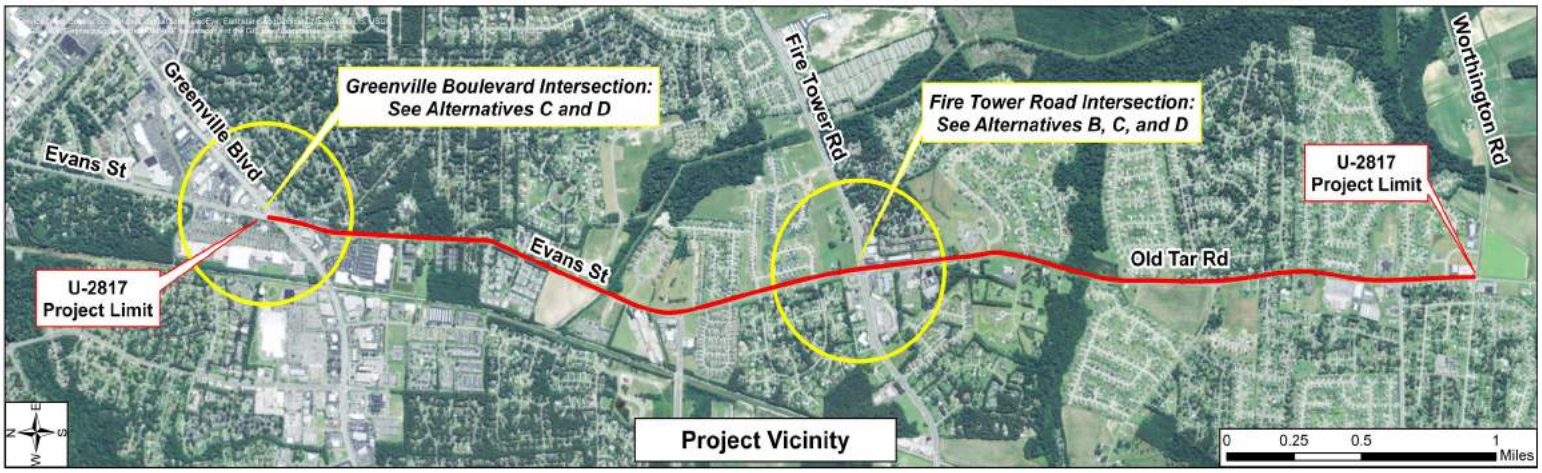
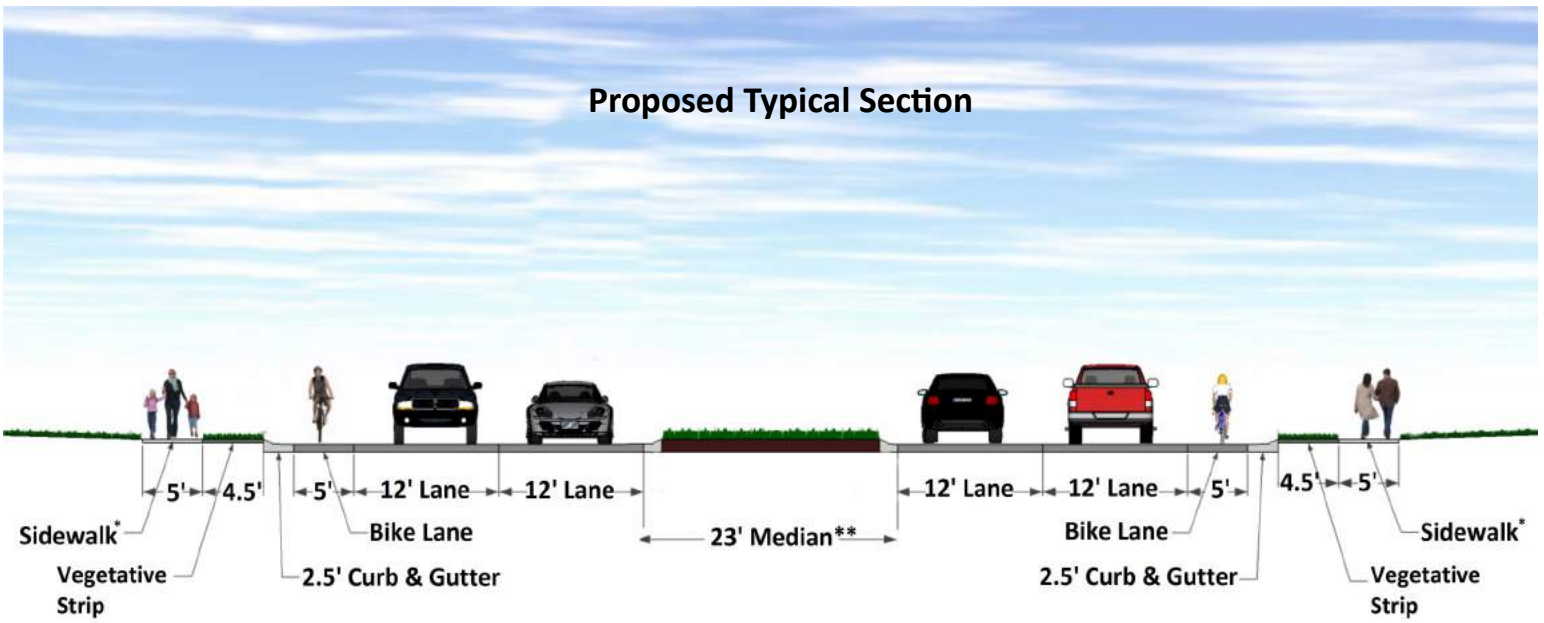
Because of the high volume of projected traffic at the Old Tar Road/Evans Street intersections with Fire Tower Road and Greenville Boulevard, conventional intersection improvements are being investigated along with other design options.

As a result, NCDOT is studying several alternatives for those intersections, including:

- Quadrant roadway, which provides for left turns away from the main intersection
- Median U-turn options, which restrict left turns at key intersections, providing for those turning movements at U-turn bulb-outs away from the main intersection
- Conventional intersection improvements, which would add more travel and/or turn lanes to a four-way intersection

Some of the previously-studied intersection alternatives have been dropped from further consideration, such as the roundabout at the Old Tar Road/Worthington Road intersection, due to poor traffic operations or through coordination with local leaders based on public review of those alternatives. The intersection alternatives which have been chosen for more detailed review and are still under consideration are explained within this handout and are on display at the public meeting.





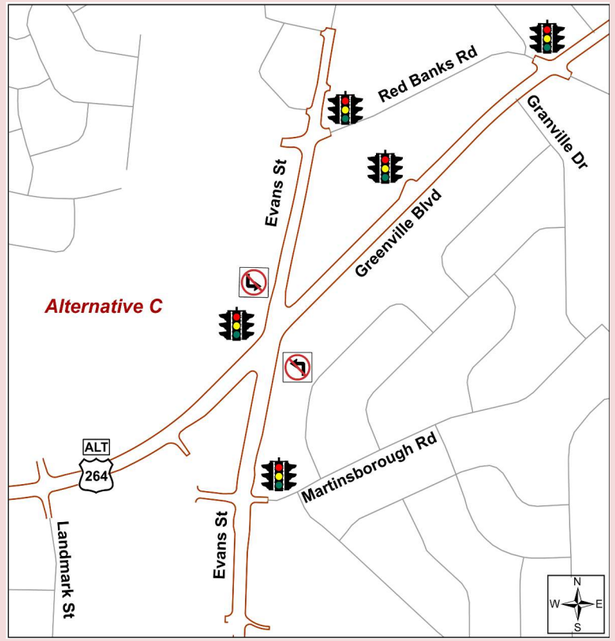
* The construction of sidewalks will be dependent upon a cost-sharing and maintenance agreement between NCDOT and the local municipalities.

** A 16-foot median is proposed just north of Fire Tower Road.

Evans Street and Greenville Boulevard Intersection:

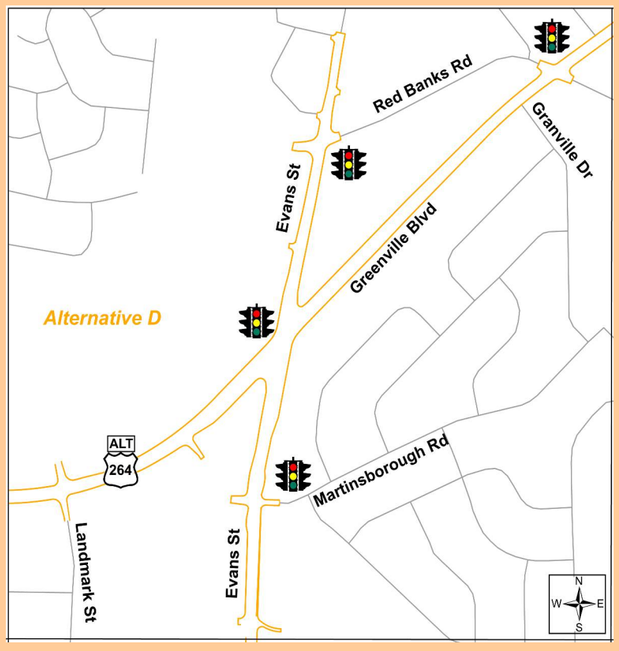
Alternative C

Median U-turn design (partial left turns). A new U-turn bulb-out with a signal would be added between the Evans Street/Greenville Boulevard intersection and Red Banks Road. Left turns from Evans Street to Greenville Boulevard would be restricted at the main intersection and accommodated along Red Banks Road and at the new U-turn bulb-out.



Alternative D

Conventional intersection design. Additional through and turn lanes would be added at the main intersection. All left turns would be accommodated at the main intersection.



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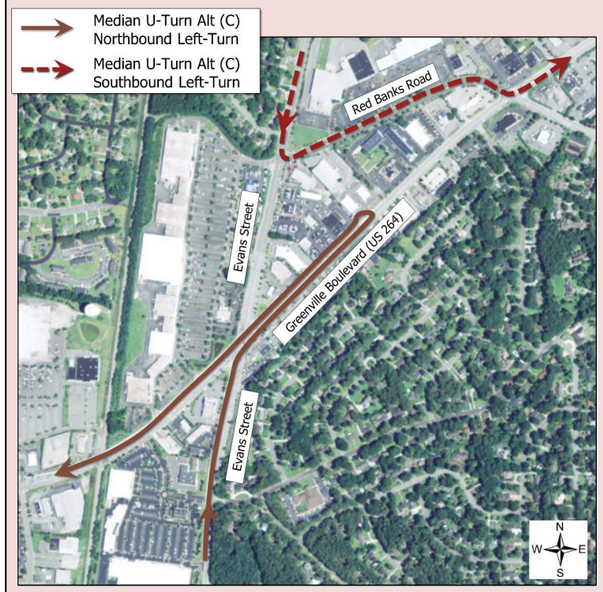
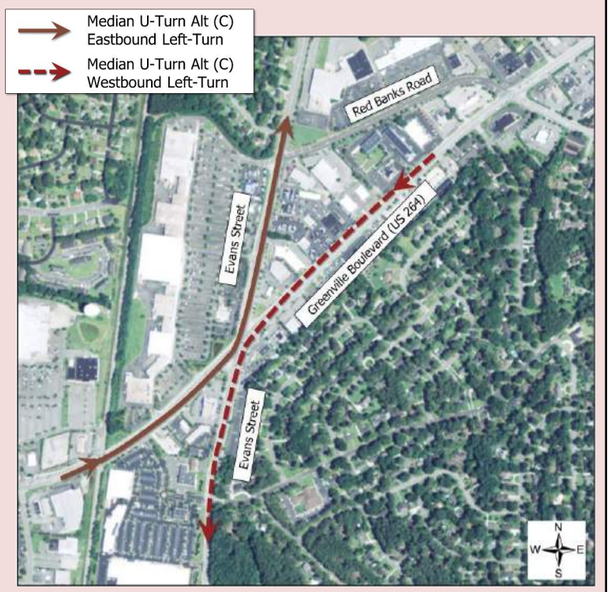
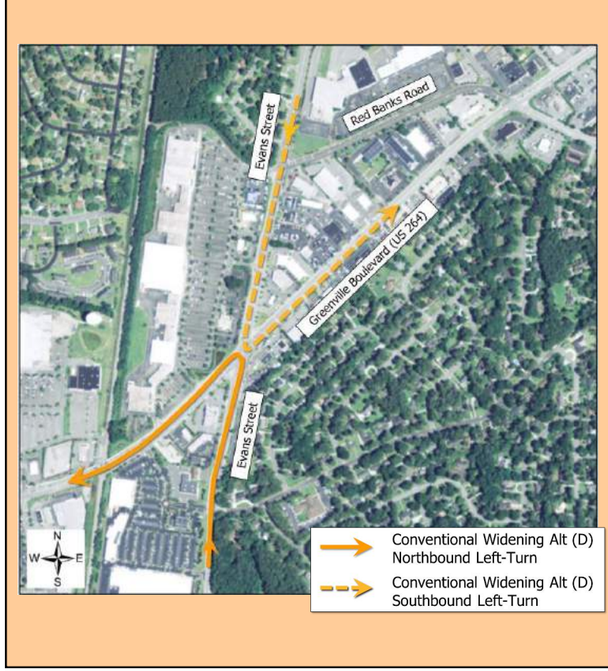
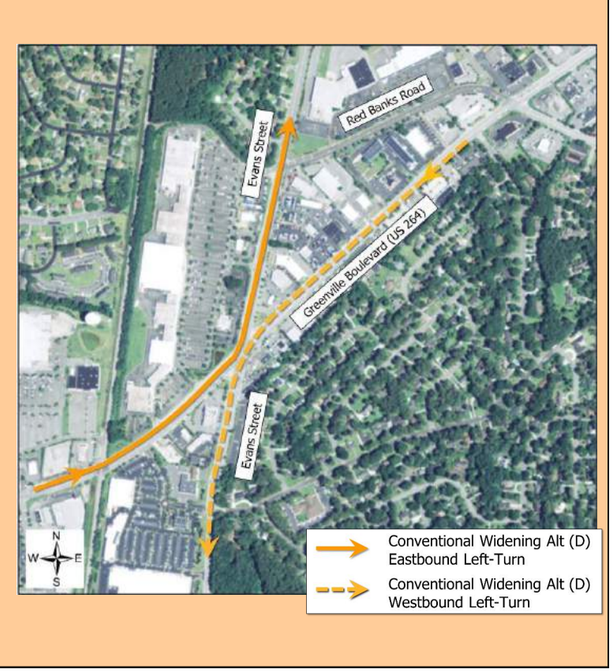




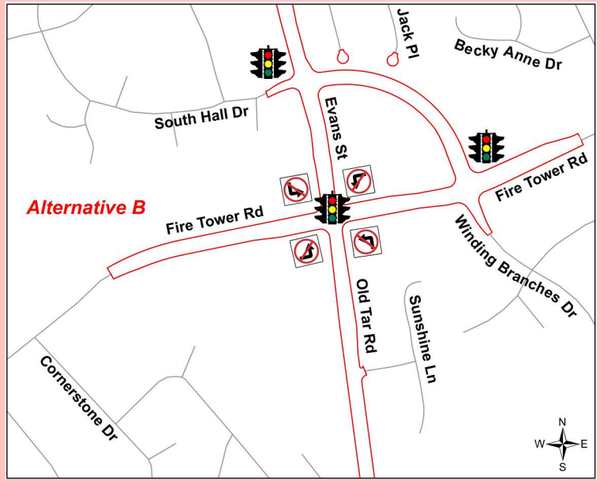




Old Tar Road Road/Evans Street and Fire Tower Road Intersection:

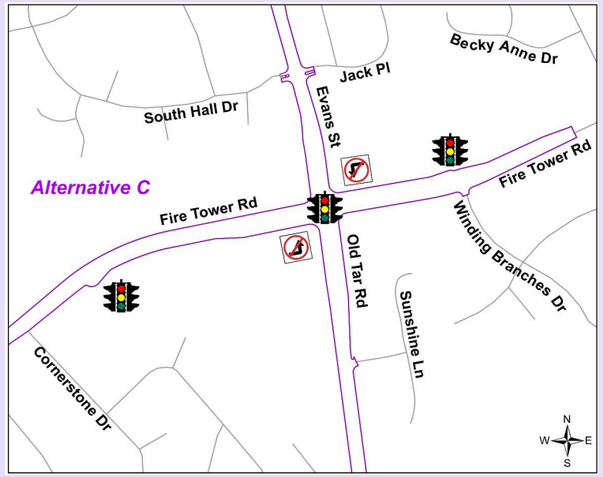
Alternative B

Quadrant roadway design. A new "quadrant" road would be added in the northeast quadrant of this intersection, connecting South Hall Drive to Winding Branches Drive. Left turns would be restricted at the main intersection and accommodated along the new quadrant road.



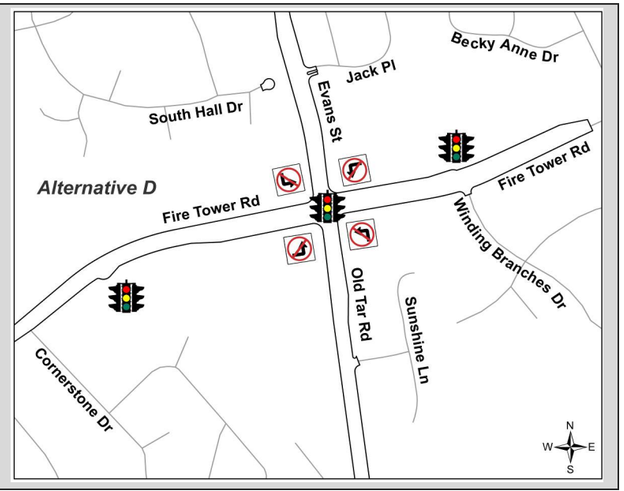
Alternative C

Median U-turn design (partial left turns). New U-turn bulb-outs with signals would be added on Fire Tower Road at Winding Branches Drive and 0.25 mile west of Old Tar Road/Evans Street. Left turns would be restricted from both directions of Fire Tower Road to Old Tar Road/Evans Street at the main intersection and accommodated at the new U-turn bulb-outs.



Alternative D

Median U-turn design (no left turns). New U-turn bulb-outs with signals would be added on Fire Tower Road at Winding Branches Drive and approximately 0.25 mile west of Old Tar Road/Evans Street. All left turns at the main intersection would be prohibited, and accommodated at the new U-turn bulb-outs.



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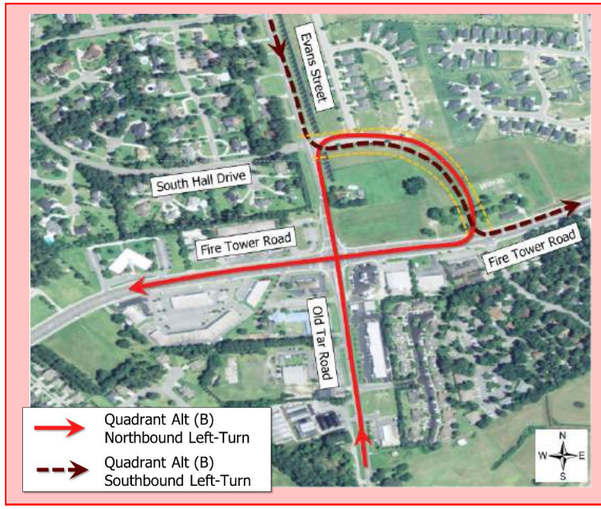

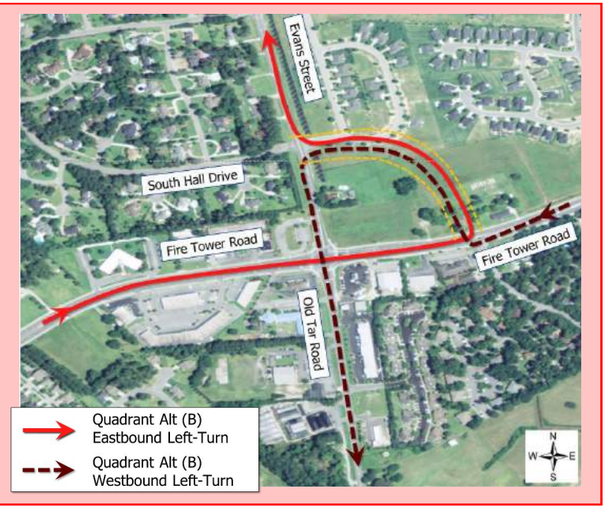

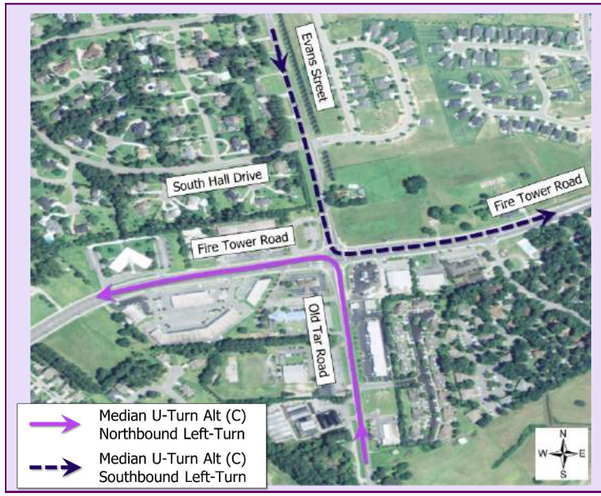

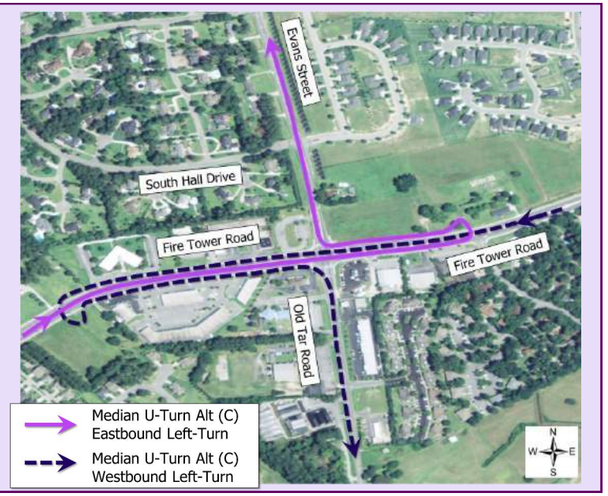

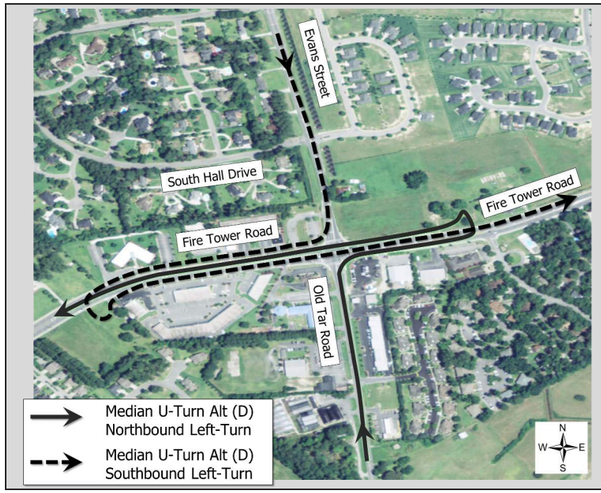

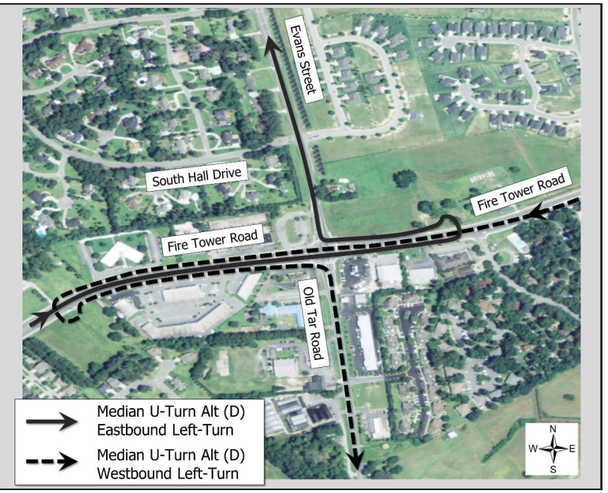

Potential Impacts

Impact Category		Alternatives			
		Greenville Blvd. (Alts C & D)	Fire Tower Rd. (Alts B, C, & D)	Evans St./ Old Tar Rd. Mainline[1]	Full Project Corridor[2]
Natural Resources Impacts					
Federally-Listed Species in Study Area		No (All Alts)	No (All Alts)	No	No
Delineated Wetland Impacts (# crossings/ acres)		**C** – 2/0.37 **D** – 2/0.37	None (All Alts)	3/0.53	5/0.90
Delineated Stream Impacts (# crossings/ linear feet)		**C** – 1/55.9 **D** – 1/55.9	**B** – 1/142.9 **C** – 2/176.3 **D** – 2/176.5	6/889.5	8 to 9/ 1,088 to 1,122
Human Environment Impacts					
Relocations	Residential	**C** – 2 **D** – 2	**B** – 2 **C** – 3 **D** – 3	12	16 to 17
	Business	**C** – 3 **D** – 3	**B** – 1 **C** – 2 **D** – 2	0	4 to 5
	Total	**C** – 5 **D** – 5	**B** – 3 **C** – 5 **D** – 5	12	20 to 22
Recreational Areas/ Parks		None (All Alts)	None (All Alts)	None	None
Historic Sites		**C** – 2 (No Adverse Effect)[3] **D** – 2 (No Adverse Effect)[3]	None (All Alts)	None	2 (No Adverse Effect)[3]
Preliminary Cost Estimate					
Construction Cost (million $)		**C** – 9.2 **D** – 9.5	**B** – 11.2 **C** – 10.4 **D** – 10.5	15.5	35.1 to 36.2

[1] Evans St/Old Tar Rd Mainline includes project-related impacts other than at the Greenville Blvd and Fire Tower Rd intersections.
[2] Full project corridor impact categories with ranges of impacts shown depend on the alternative chosen at Greenville Blvd and Fire Tower Rd intersections.
[3] Historic sites with No Adverse Effect are Lakewood Pines Historic District and WNDT TV Station.

Next Steps

After the close of the comment period for this public meeting, NCDOT will select a preferred roadway alignment, which will include the preferred intersection option at Greenville Boulevard and Fire Tower Road. In selecting the preferred alternative, NCDOT will consider comments from the public, regulatory agencies, and local governments. A Categorical Exclusion document will be completed detailing the results of the environmental and engineering studies, public and agency comments, and proposed mitigation.

After the final alignment is selected, detailed surveys will be performed to more precisely locate all existing features including roadways, driveways, buildings, and other features. After final design plans have been developed and completed, NCDOT will contact the property owners who will be directly impacted by the project and meet with them to review the plans and discuss property impacts.

Step	Date
Public Comment Period Ends	November 17, 2016
Select Preferred Alternative	Early 2017
Prepare Categorical Exclusion Document	Summer 2017
Right of Way	2019
Construction	2021

Widening of Evans Street/Old Tar Road

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Information about this project can also be found on the project website:
http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/EvansStreetWidening/

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Meeting Type: Public Meeting **Location:** Pitt County Shrine Club, 569 Irish Lane, Winterville, NC, 28590, Pitt County	**Date**: November 3, 2016
TIP No.: U-2817 **Project Description:** Widening of Evans Street/Old Tar Road from Cooper Street/Worthington Road in Winterville to Greenville Boulevard (N.C. 43/U.S. 264A) in Greenville, NCDOT Highway Division 2	

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Zip Code: _____

Street Name:
(i.e. Main Street) _____

Total Household Income:

- ☐ Less than $10,000
- ☐ $10,000 – $14,999
- ☐ $15,000 – $24,999
- ☐ $25,000 – $34,999
- ☐ $35,000 – $49,999
- ☐ $50,000 – $74,999
- ☐ $75,000 – $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 – $149,000
- ☐ $150,000 - $200, 000
- ☐ $200,000 or more

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age:

- ☐ Less than 19
- ☐ 20-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-59
- ☐ 60-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-84
- ☐ 85 or over

Have a Disability: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Race/Ethnicity:

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

National Origin: (if born outside the U.S.)

- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Central American: _____
- ☐ South American: _____
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

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Thank you for your participation!

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State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. U-2817

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Comment Form

Please take a few moments to fill out this comment form and share your thoughts about the Evans Street/Old Tar Road widening project. Thank you for coming to this meeting.

- Place completed form in the comment box tonight, or
- Mail to: Bob Deaton
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- Email to: rdeaton@ncdot.gov

Please submit your comments no later than November 17, 2016

Tell us about yourself

Please note that providing your contact information will allow us to respond to any questions or concerns you raise. Your information will not be shared for any other purpose. Please print.

Your Name: _____

Company/Organization/Neighborhood: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Which Alternative do you prefer for each intersection?

Evans Street and Greenville Boulevard Intersection:

- ☐ Alternative C: Median U-turn Design (partial left turns)
- ☐ Alternative D: Conventional Intersection Design

Old Tar Road/Evans Street and Fire Tower Road Intersection:

- ☐ Alternative B: Quadrant Roadway Design
- ☐ Alternative C: Median U-turn Design (partial left turns)
- ☐ Alternative D: Median U-turn Design (no left turns)

Additional written comments may be provided on the back of this page.

Please provide your comments on the project and the alternatives presented tonight: _____

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