



STIP Project No. I-6064
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**Proposed Widening of I-95 from I-74 (Exit 13) to
 U.S. 301/Fayetteville Road (Exit 22) in Robeson County.**
 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project No. I-6064

Important information about widening I-95. Please read!

This newsletter is the first step in the public involvement process for the widening of I-95 under State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project I-6064 in Robeson County. The purpose of this newsletter is to introduce the public to the project, notify the community that studies are underway, and provide general information about the planning process.



Project Overview

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to widen I-95 for about 9 miles between I-74 (Exit 13) and U.S. 301/Fayetteville Road (Exit 22) in Lumberton. The project would provide two additional travel lanes in each direction, bringing the total number of lanes to eight. The project also proposes to modernize interchanges, replace bridges and culverts, and elevate vulnerable sections of the interstate to enhance resiliency against future flooding. STIP Project No. I-5879, which would rebuild the Carthage Road interchange at Exit 19, will be included as part of the overall Project I-6064 contract.

Initial environmental studies have begun to gather information and data on the project. Over the next few months, you can expect to see different project team members visit the area, taking photographs, surveying or collecting other data. However, these markings are only documentation guides and do not necessarily indicate that your property will be impacted by the project.

We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have questions about the proposed project? Please feel free to write, call, or email either one of the project contacts listed below with your comments or concerns.

You can also go to the project website <https://Publicinput.com/I95-Lumberton> or call (855) 925-2801 (Project Code 8812) to leave a comment.

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Preliminary Project Schedule

A tentative schedule, which is subject to change, as outlined in the NCDOT 2020-2029 Current STIP is shown at right.

Public Meeting	Fall 2020
Environmental Document	Winter 2020
Right-of-Way/Construction Let	Summer 2021

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Why Is This Project Needed?

The purpose of improving this section of I-95 is to help relieve congestion, improve mobility, and enhance the resiliency of this corridor to storm events, such that it can continue to serve as a primary East Coast route through the project design year of 2040.

Improvements will be required to accommodate projected future traffic volumes and ensure the highway operates at an acceptable level of traffic service, particularly during peak hour. Traffic volumes along the I-95 corridor are expected to increase approximately 50 percent by 2040, creating conditions in which operations degrade and average travel speeds are below the posted speed limit. The proposed widening project would increase the capacity of the roadway to improve the flow of traffic and lessen delays from congestion.

Portions of this interstate were closed for several days due to flooding during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, emphasizing the need to rebuild the interstate to be more resilient against future flooding. Along with reduced mobility, the loss of the interstate corridor impedes emergency services, interstate commerce, and erodes military preparedness. The project will raise vulnerable sections along I-95 that will mitigate travel impacts from future flooding.

Nearby Project Updates

The NCDOT has recently completed developing plans for widening an adjacent section of I-95 under a separate project and contract from I-6064:

STIP Project I-5987 – Widening of I-95 to eight lanes from U.S. 301/Fayetteville Road (Exit 22) in Robeson County to I-95 Business/U.S. 301 (Exit 40) in Cumberland County.

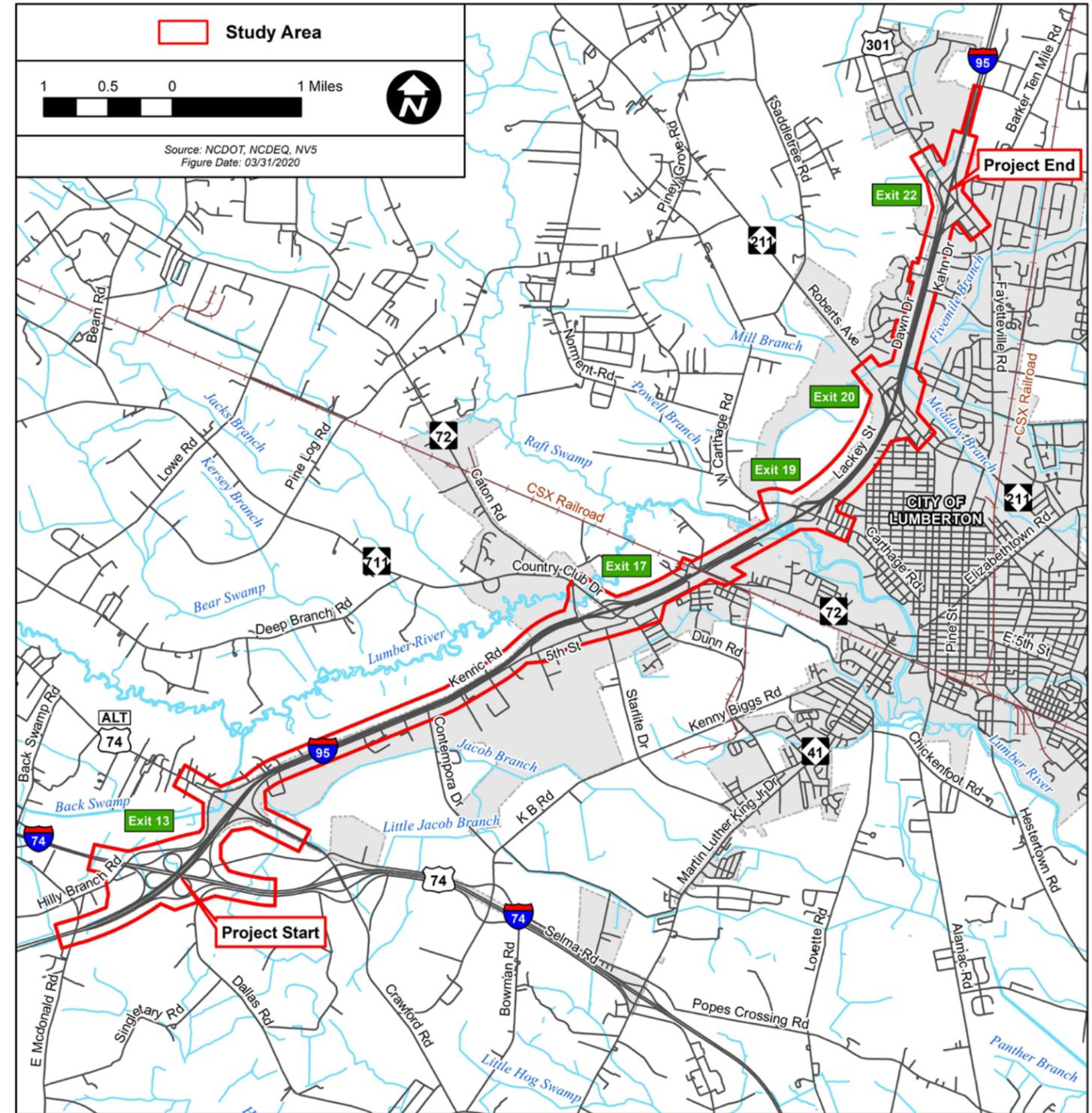
Although I-6064 and I-5987 will be awarded under separate contracts and potentially at different times, the construction along mile markers 13 to 40 will generally occur about the same time. The department held public meetings for I-5987 in 2019, and since then, nothing substantially has changed about the design. The Carthage Road interchange project, known as STIP No. I-5879, will be folded into the overall designs for I-6064.

Environmental Review Process

Any project that proposes to use federal funding is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. NEPA requires public agencies to identify a purpose and need for the proposed project, evaluate and disclose the potential effects of the project on the surrounding human and natural environments, and allow the public an opportunity to provide comments on the proposal. The NCDOT will produce a document known as a Categorical Exclusion to comply with this law.

The NCDOT anticipates holding a public meeting in the fall of 2020 to present the preliminary design for widening and improving this 9-mile section of I-95. Residents in the project area will be notified of the meeting via mailed postcards and announcements through local news outlets. Following the public involvement period that fall, the department will publish the Categorical Exclusion document, which will summarize its engineering and environmental analyses.

Project Vicinity



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