



I-26 Widening and Improvement



From US 25 in Henderson County to I-40 in Buncombe County

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project No. I-4400/I-4700

Citizens' Informational Workshop Handout – January 31, 2013

Welcome

Thank you for attending the first Citizens' Informational Workshop for the proposed I-26 Widening and Improvement Project. This workshop is provided by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to provide information about the project and to obtain public input. You will have an opportunity to review project maps and displays, talk with project team members, and offer your comments.

Input and Comments

This information packet includes a comment sheet. We look forward to receiving your input. The information that you provide will help identify key concerns and issues regarding the proposed project. Please fill out the comment sheet and submit your comments tonight in the box on the Comment Table. You may also email or mail your comments and/or questions to the study team listed on the comment sheet by March 1, 2013. A Title VI Voluntary Survey is also available for you to fill out.

Project Information

- ❖ **Project Purpose** – To meet the existing and future travel demand for the I-26 corridor and relieve projected congestion along the project corridor.
- ❖ **Length** – 22.2 miles
- ❖ **2011 Traffic Volume** – 43,600 to 80,000 vehicles per day
- ❖ **2040 Traffic Volume** – 58,900 to 90,500 vehicles per day
- ❖ **Existing Grade Separations:**
 - Crest Road (SR 1803)
 - Tracy Grove Road
 - Dana Road
 - Clear Creek Road (SR 1503)
 - Brookside Camp Road
 - Norfolk Southern Rail Corridor
 - Butler Bridge Road (SR 1345)
 - Glen Bridge Road (SR 3495)
 - Blue Ridge Parkway
 - Ferry Road
 - Pond Road
- ❖ **Existing Interchanges:**
 - US 25 (Exit 54)
 - Upward Road / SR 1722 (Exit 53)
 - US 64 (Exit 49)
 - US 25 / Asheville Highway (Exit 44)
 - NC 280 / Airport Road (Exit 40)*
 - NC 146 / Long Shoals Road (Exit 37)
 - NC 191 / Brevard Road (Exit 33)*
 - I-40 / I-240*

*Improvements at these interchanges are to be completed under separate NCDOT projects.

Tentative Schedule

- ✓ Project Initiation / Start of Project Study Fall 2012
- ➔ Kick-off Citizens Informational Workshop January 2013
- Project Technical Reports 2013 – 2015
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement Fall 2015
- Public Hearing Winter 2016
- Final Environmental Impact Statement 2016
- Record of Decision 2017
- Right-of-Way Acquisition 2018
- Construction 2020

Note: All dates are tentative and subject to change.

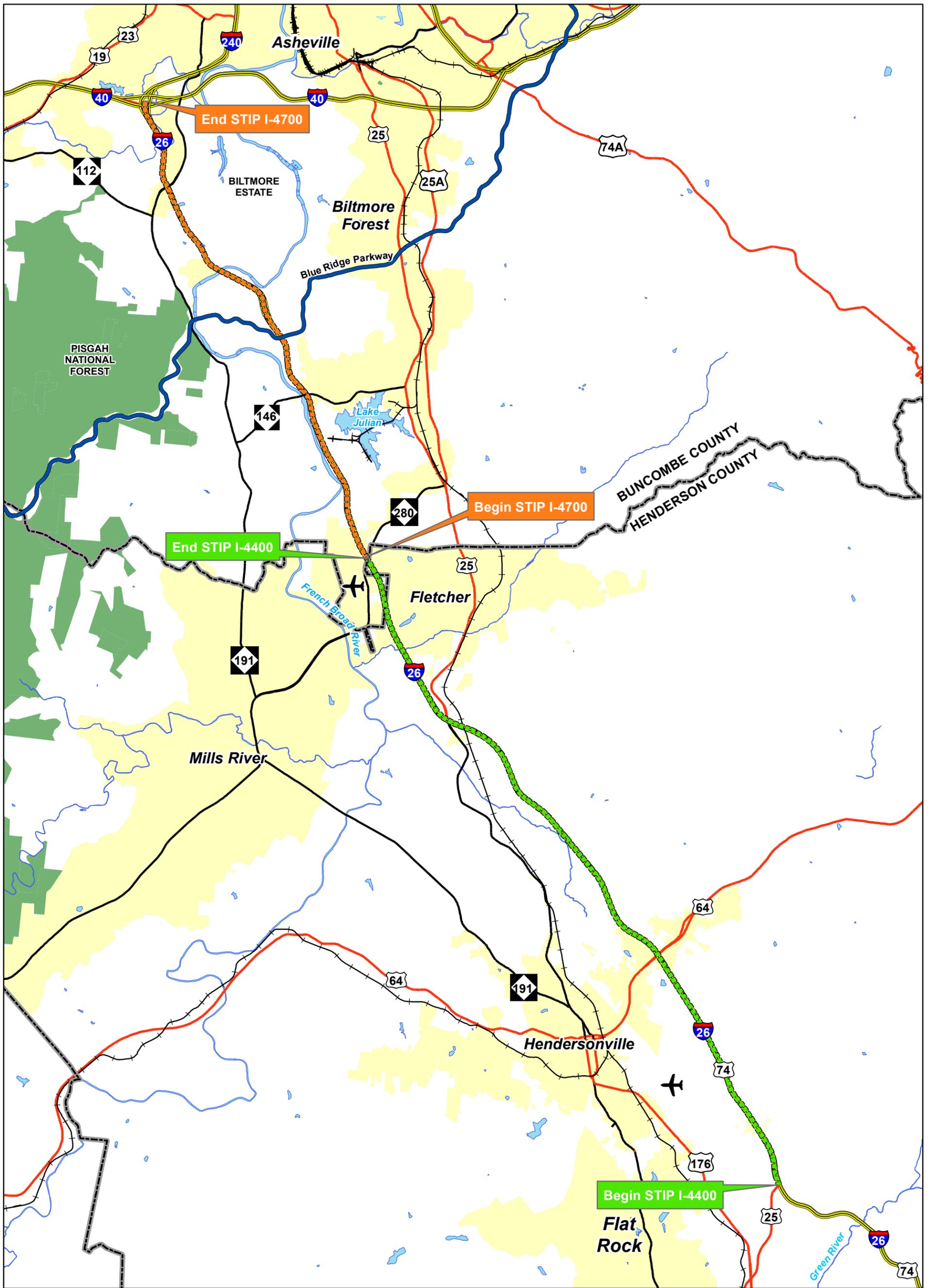
Estimated Costs

- Right-of-Way \$5.0 million (STIP)
- Construction \$259 million (STIP)

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See reverse side for a project location map.



Legend

- STIP Project I-4400
- STIP Project I-4700
- Interstate
- US Route
- State Route
- Blue Ridge Parkway

- +—+—+— Railroads
- Water Bodies
- ✈ Airport
- Pisgah National Forest
- Municipal Boundaries
- County Boundary

Project Location
STIP Project I-4400/I-4700
Citizens' Informational Workshop
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