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NEWSLETTER

Mecklenburg County

I-77 Improvements
 I-277/NC 16 to I-85
 North Carolina DOT, PD&EA Branch, TIP No. I-3311E

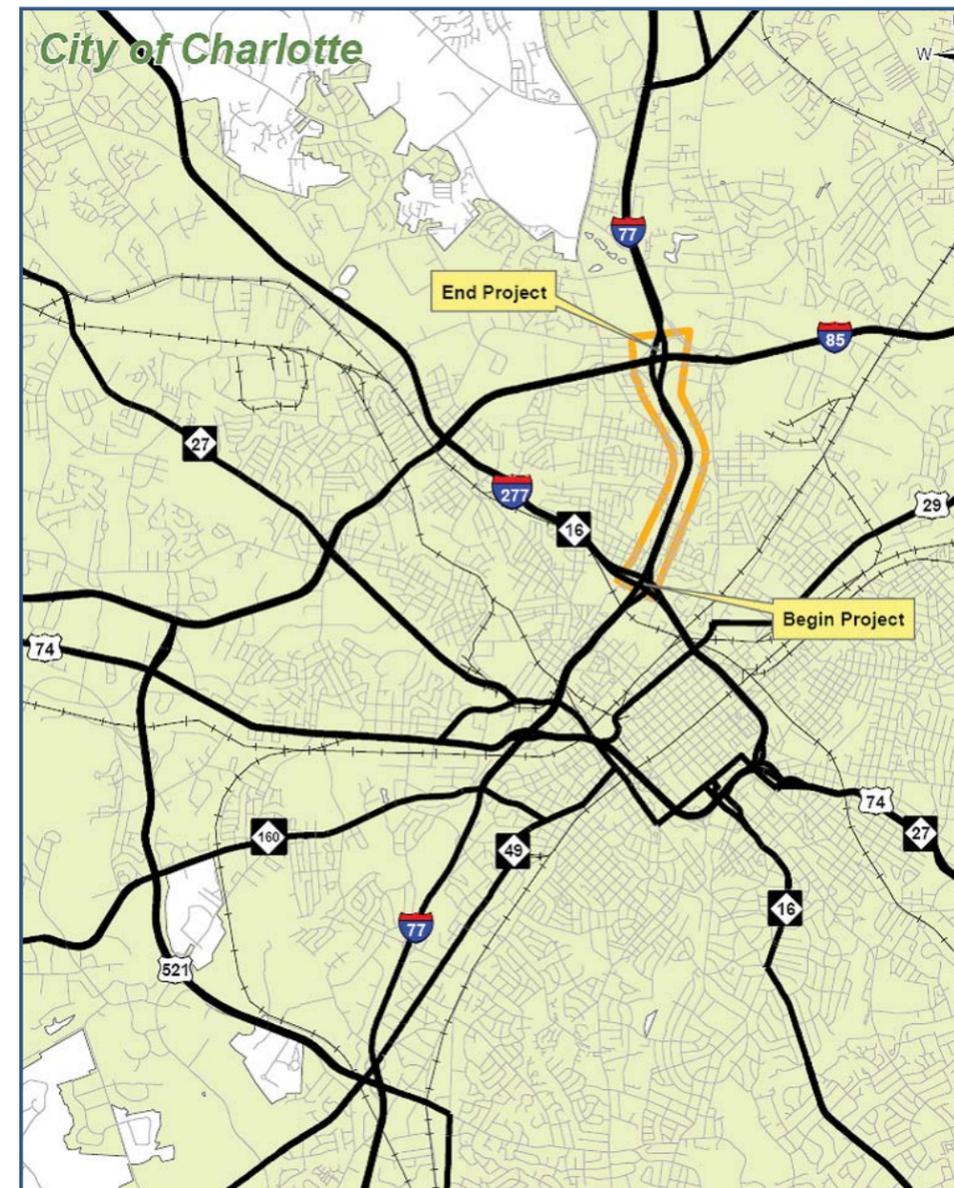


PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is beginning studies on improvements to I-77 from I-277 / NC 16 (Brookshire Freeway) to I-85 in Charlotte. The purpose of this project is to widen the existing travel lanes and shoulders on the southbound lanes of I-77 and

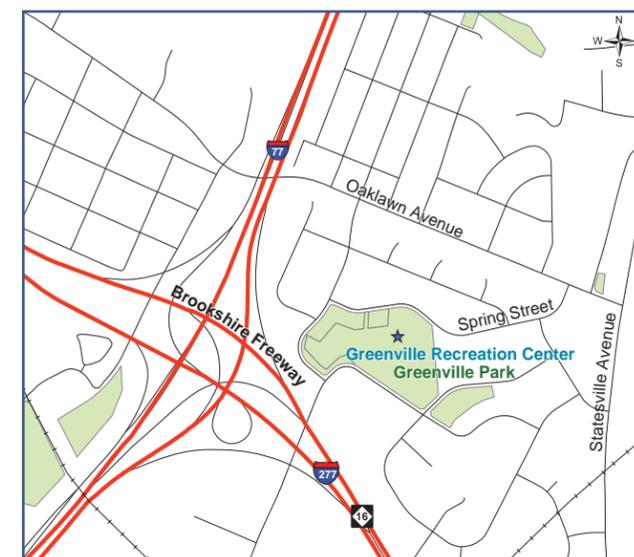
investigate truck roll-over issues on the I-85 to I-77 ramps. This project is listed as I-3311E in the NCDOT 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). NCDOT designated an existing general purpose lane as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-77 under the

previously completed TIP Project I-3311A. There are currently four travel lanes and a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-77 from south of I-85 to the I-77/ Brookshire Freeway interchange. From LaSalle Street to the I-77 / Brookshire Freeway interchange, the outermost travel lane is 12 feet wide, and the inside lanes are currently 11 feet wide.



CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

Location: Greenville Recreation Center
Address: 1330 Spring Street, Charlotte
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM



If you have transportation questions on other projects, call the NCDOT customer service office at 1-877-DOT-4YOU, or visit the website at www.ncdot.org.

Public involvement is an important part of the planning process. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is committed to ensuring that citizens' concerns are considered and addressed. Please send comments to:

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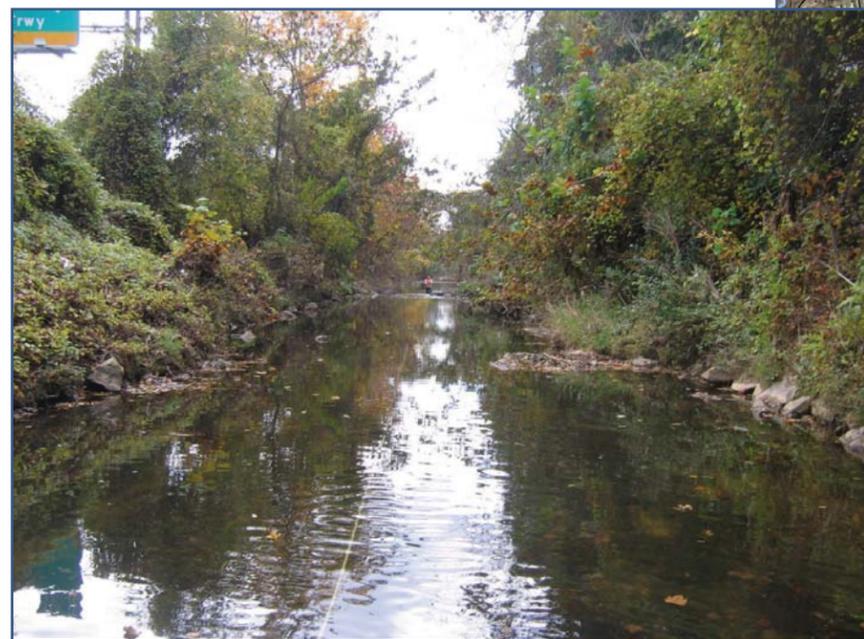
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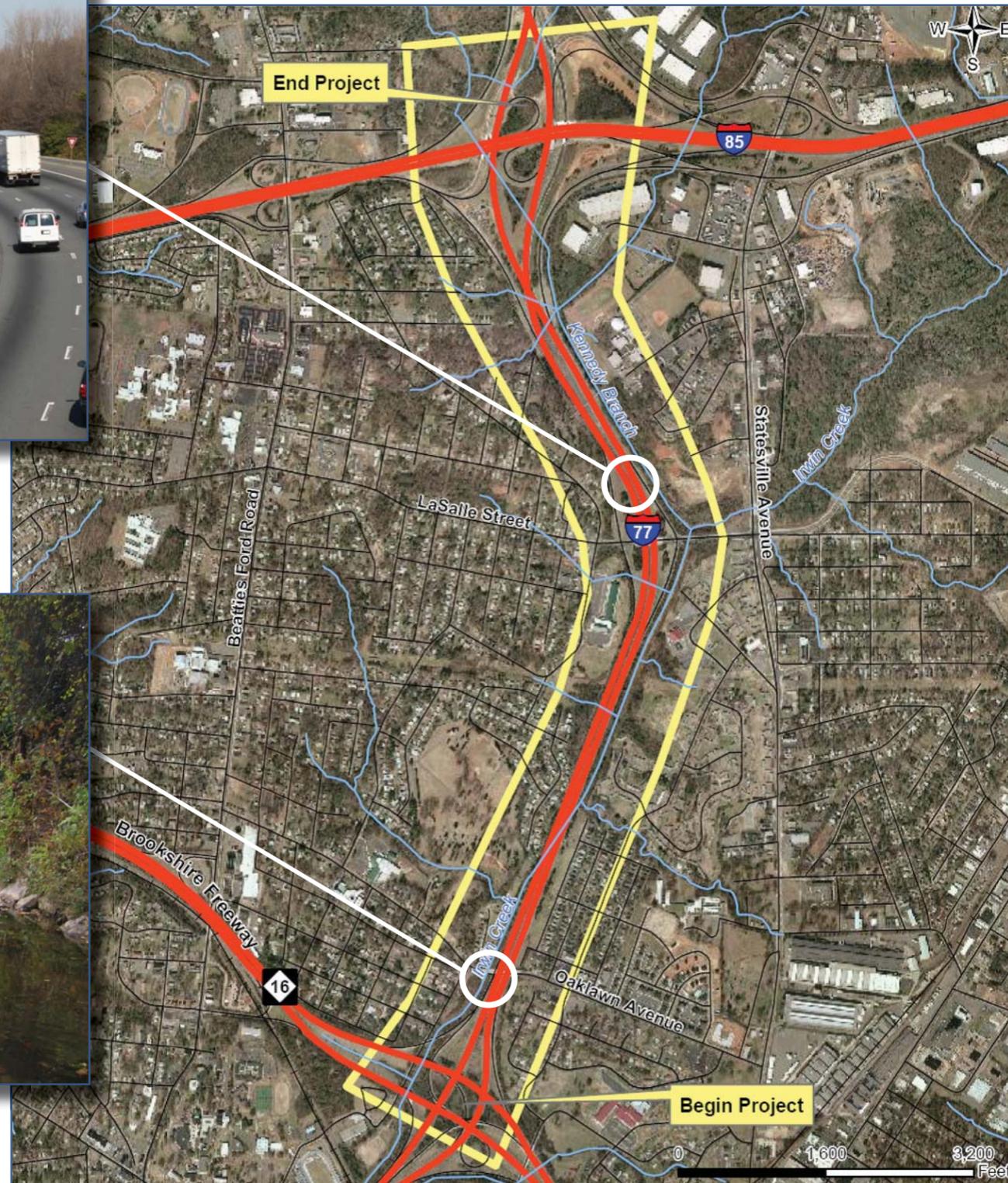
An informal citizens informational workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at the Greenville Recreation Center (1330 Spring Street, Charlotte) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will not be a formal presentation. You are invited to drop in anytime between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to ask questions and talk with the project team.



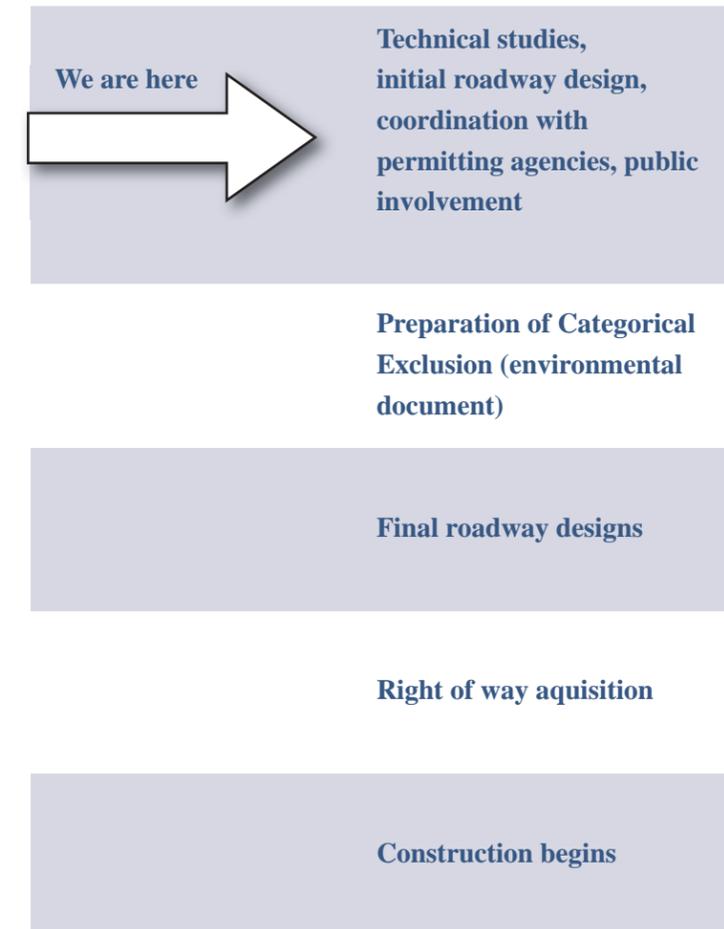
Looking north at I-77 from the LaSalle Street bridge. (Incoming traffic is southbound.) There are four general travel lanes and one HOV lane.



Irwin Creek runs along the west side of I-77 on the southern end of the project. The culvert carrying Irwin Creek under I-77 needs to be extended if the roadway is widened.



Next Steps



The Work Program, released in 2009, represents the Department's realistic plans for projects we expect to execute in the next five-year period. I-3311E was not identified in the 2010-2014 5-Year Work Program.

Work on the 2011-2015 5-Year Work Program is currently underway. Additional information regarding the draft work plan can be found on the web at: www.ncdot.org/performance/reform