



Macy Grove Road Improvements  
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## MACY GROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Town of Kernersville, Forsyth & Guilford Counties  
NCDOT Projects U-2800 and U-4734

### Route 2 Selected as Preferred Route for Macy Grove Road Improvement Project

The N.C. Department of Transportation is one step closer to starting construction on the Macy Grove Road Improvements Project. A team of state and federal agencies has selected Route 2 as the preferred route for the project, which will create a direct link between I-40 Business/U.S. 421 and N.C. 150 (North Main Street) north of Kernersville. They made their decision after extensively reviewing comments from the public and considering the possible impacts of all three potential routes.

NCDOT started gathering feedback from citizens, as well as state and federal agencies, in October when it released the results of an Environmental Assessment (EA). The document describes the need for and purpose of this project, identifies the routes under consideration, and evaluates them for potential effects to the public and the environment.

Department staff also presented this information at a workshop on Nov. 29 and answered questions about the project. Immediately following the workshop, they held a public hearing to review the project, and record additional public comments and questions. At both events, NCDOT identified Route 2 as its recommended route. In response to the public comments received, NCDOT mailed a survey to property owners on the project mailing list in February asking for additional input to help select the preferred route (see map inside).

For more information, visit the project website at [www.ncdot.org/projects/macygroverd/](http://www.ncdot.org/projects/macygroverd/).

If you have questions about the project, call 1-800-233-6315 or contact NCDOT Project Manager Vince Rhea at (919) 707-6039 or by email at [vrhea@ncdot.gov](mailto:vrhea@ncdot.gov).

## How was the Preferred Route Selected?

Prior to holding the Public Hearing, Route 2 was recommended based on similar business and residential impacts, low environmental impacts and the lowest construction cost. Due to comments received on the EA, public comments received at the workshop, at the public hearing, from the post card survey, and input from federal, state, and local agencies, all criteria were again reviewed to help choose the preferred route. Route 2 was chosen as it would have similar residential and business impacts, low impacts to streams, wetlands, ponds, floodplains, park land and would have a low total project cost.

## Description of Preferred Route

Route 2 will widen Macy Grove Road from south of Industrial Park Drive to Old Greensboro Road and extend Macy Grove Road north from Old Greensboro Road to N.C. 150. It will close the existing ramps to and from East Mountain Street, and convert the Macy Grove Road bridge over I-40 Business to an interchange. Route 2 also includes building new bridges over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, East Mountain Street, and Reedy Fork. Extending Macy Grove Road will give drivers a new way to access East Mountain Street, the western portion of Triad Park and Smith Edwards Road, as well as provide another option for motorists to travel between I-40 Business and North Kernersville.

## What Happens Next?

NCDOT will now prepare a report called a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI), which will provide responses to comments received on the EA and detailed designs. The FONSI will state the selection of Route 2 as the preferred route and list the impacts associated with it. Following approval of the FONSI by the Federal Highway Administration, NCDOT will begin final designs on Route 2 in preparation for right-of-way acquisition and construction. Property owners affected by the project will be contacted by NCDOT Right-of-Way Agents during the right-of-way acquisition phase of the project.

