

# MACY GROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

## Kernersville, Forsyth & Guilford Counties

### NCDOT Projects U-2800 and U-4734



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## ***NCDOT Seeks Input from Citizens on Alternatives***

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is conducting planning and environmental studies for improvements to and extension of SR 2601 (Macy Grove Road) from SR 4319 (Industrial Park Drive) extending north to NC 150 (North Main Street) east of the Town of Kernersville in Forsyth County. The proposed improvements are included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as Projects U-2800 and U-4734. The existing grade separation at Macy Grove Road over I-40 Business will be converted to an interchange as part of the project.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updated information about the project, including current project status, the proposed schedule, and to request public input on the alternatives.

### **Project History & Status**

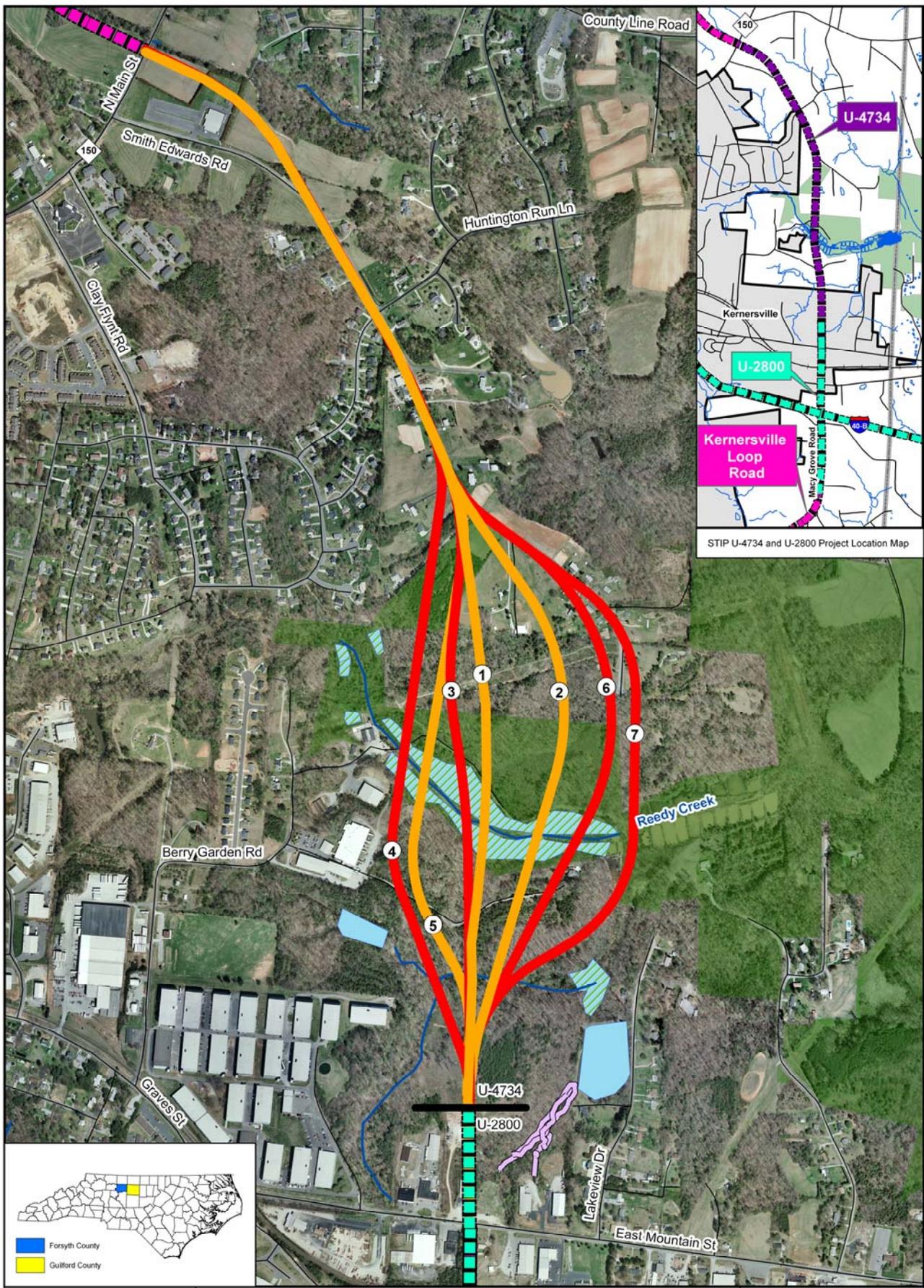
The Macy Grove Road Improvements project combines two current NCDOT STIP projects, U-2800 and U-4734. U-2800 was initiated several years ago with project planning and design studies. U-4734 was initiated in the Summer of 2007. NCDOT decided to combine the two projects in a single environmental document due to their close proximity. The environmental

document (an Environmental Assessment) is currently scheduled for completion in Summer 2010. In June 2008, NCDOT requested input from the public on the purpose and need for the combined projects. NCDOT is now seeking input from the public on the alternatives to carry forward for the U-4734 portion of the Macy Grove Road Improvements project.

### **New Location Build Alternatives Developed for U-4734 Portion of the Macy Grove Road Improvements**

The U-2800 portion of the Macy Grove Road Improvements project was previously presented to the public at workshops held by NCDOT. Graphics within this newsletter show New Location Build Alternative concepts developed for the U-4734 new location portion of the Macy Grove Road Improvements project. The development process utilized environmental features mapping, concepts identified in previously prepared studies by the Town of Kernersville and NCDOT, and the purpose and need for the project as presented at the June 2008 Citizens Informational Workshop. The New Location Build Alternatives were screened for potential impacts to the human and natural environment. Similar concepts were combined and those resulting with higher impacts to residences, wetlands, streams, floodplains, and the Triad Park, relative to other concepts, were eliminated from further consideration.

The results of the screening identified three new location alternatives to carry forward for further evaluation: Alternatives 1, 2, and 5 (as shown on page 2).



STIP U-4734 and U-2800 Project Location Map



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**Legend**

- Alternatives to Carry Forward
- Alternatives Eliminated
- Kernersville Loop Road
- U-2800 Approximate Location
- Triad Park
- Delineated Streams
- NCDOT Delineated Streams and Wetlands
- Delineated Pond
- Delineated Wetlands



Macy Grove Road Improvements  
STIP U-4734

U-4734 New Location Build  
Alternatives

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## Project Schedule

Project Planning and Design Studies	Currently Underway
Environmental Assessment Document Complete	Summer 2010
Public Hearing	Summer 2010
Finding of No Significant Impact Document Complete	Winter 2010
Right-of-Way Acquisition Begins	Fiscal Year 2012
Construction	Currently Unfunded

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## Project Purpose and Need

Needs for the Macy Grove Road improvements include the following:

- No direct link between I-40 Business and NC 150 north of Kernersville.
- Congestion exists at an at-grade railroad crossing and at intersections in downtown Kernersville.
- NC 66/NC 150 interchange at I-40 Business is over capacity.

Purposes of the Macy Grove Road improvements include the following:

- Provide a link between I-40 Business and NC 150 north of Kernersville.
- Reduce congestion in downtown Kernersville and at the existing NC 66/NC 150 interchange with I-40 Business.

Potential secondary benefits of the project include the following:

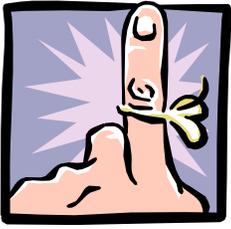
- Provide a segment of the future Kernersville Loop Road.
- Economic Growth.



## What Happens Next?

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT...** The next step in the planning process will be to summarize comments received on the alternatives to be carried forward. Your comments and recommendations will be considered in the future to assist in the selection of the "Recommended Alternative". Once the "Recommended Alternative" has been selected, more detailed designs will be prepared and evaluated in the Environmental Assessment document. When the Environment Assessment document has been completed, it will be published for comment and review by the public, the Federal Highway Administration, and regulatory and resource agencies. A public hearing will be held to obtain comments on the Environmental Assessment document and design details of the "Recommended Alternative".

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## Don't forget NCDOT wants your input!

Please review the Preliminary Study Alternatives and tell us what you think. Input from the public is a key component in the development of transportation projects throughout the state of North Carolina. Comments received from citizens will assist the NCDOT and technical specialists to develop a project that meets important local and regional goals and minimizes impacts to the human and natural environments.

### PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

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