SCHEDULE

This project is included in the draft 2013-2023 NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project schedule is as follows:

January 2014	Environmental Assessment
Summer 2014	Public hearing
April 2015	Finding of No Significant Impact
Fiscal Year 2017*	Right-of-way acquisition
Fiscal Year 2019*	Construction

*These schedules are subject to change.

PROJECT COST

The following table presents cost estimates for the three alternatives under consideration:

Alternative	Length	Right-of-way	Utility Relocation	Construction	Total
1	4.3 miles	$1,763,000	$556,000	$15,900,000	$18,219,000
2	3.1 miles	$2,163,000	$279,000	$17,200,000	$19,642,000
4	4.5 miles	$963,000	$629,000	$7,700,000	$9,292,000

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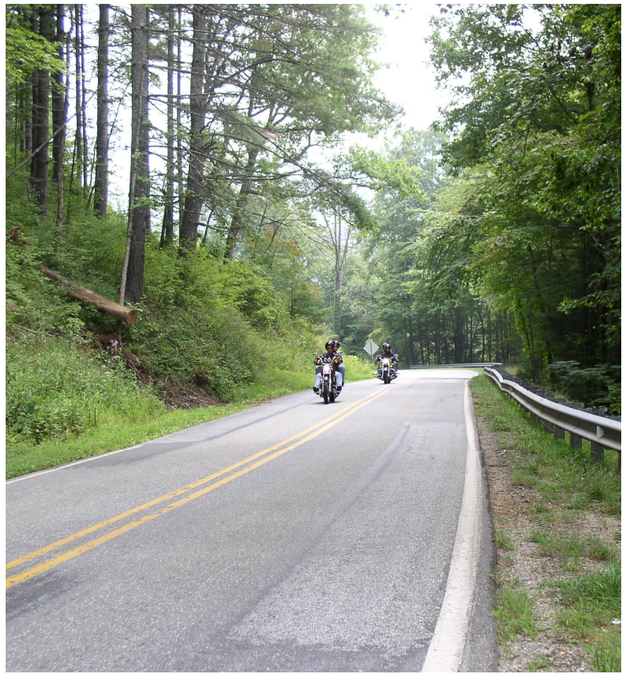
N.C. 143 IMPROVEMENTS
Citizens' Informational Workshop
NCDOT Project R-2822B
November 29, 2012

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to improve about 4.5 miles of N.C. 143. The purpose of this project is to improve the overall safety along N.C. 143 using context sensitive solutions.

A context sensitive solution achieves the following goals:

- Addresses the transportation need
- Is an asset to the community
- Is compatible with the natural and human environments



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Planning and preliminary design are currently underway. This study includes the following steps:

- Developing alternatives
- Identifying natural resources
- Identifying human resources
- Public involvement
- Determining impacts
- Preparing an environmental document

PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to update the community on the status of NCDOT Project R-2822B, to answer questions, and to gather input.

Please:

- View the information on the maps
- Talk to team members
- Fill out a comment sheet and place it in the box or mail it by December 28, 2012.

Public involvement is an important part of the planning process, and NCDOT values your input. ***Thanks for your participation!***

ALTERNATIVES

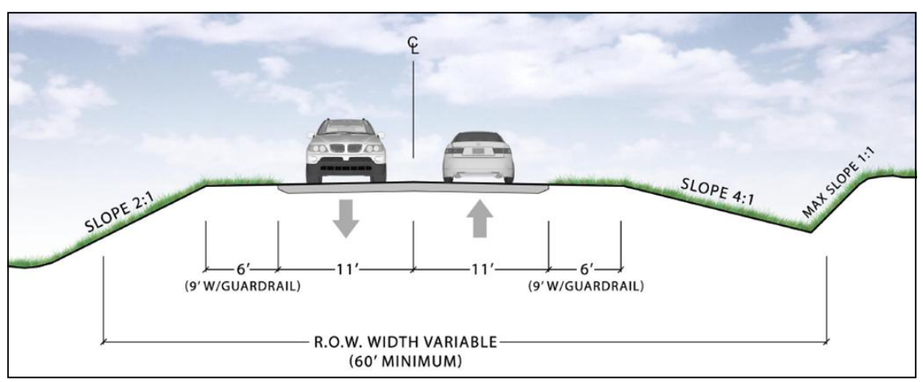
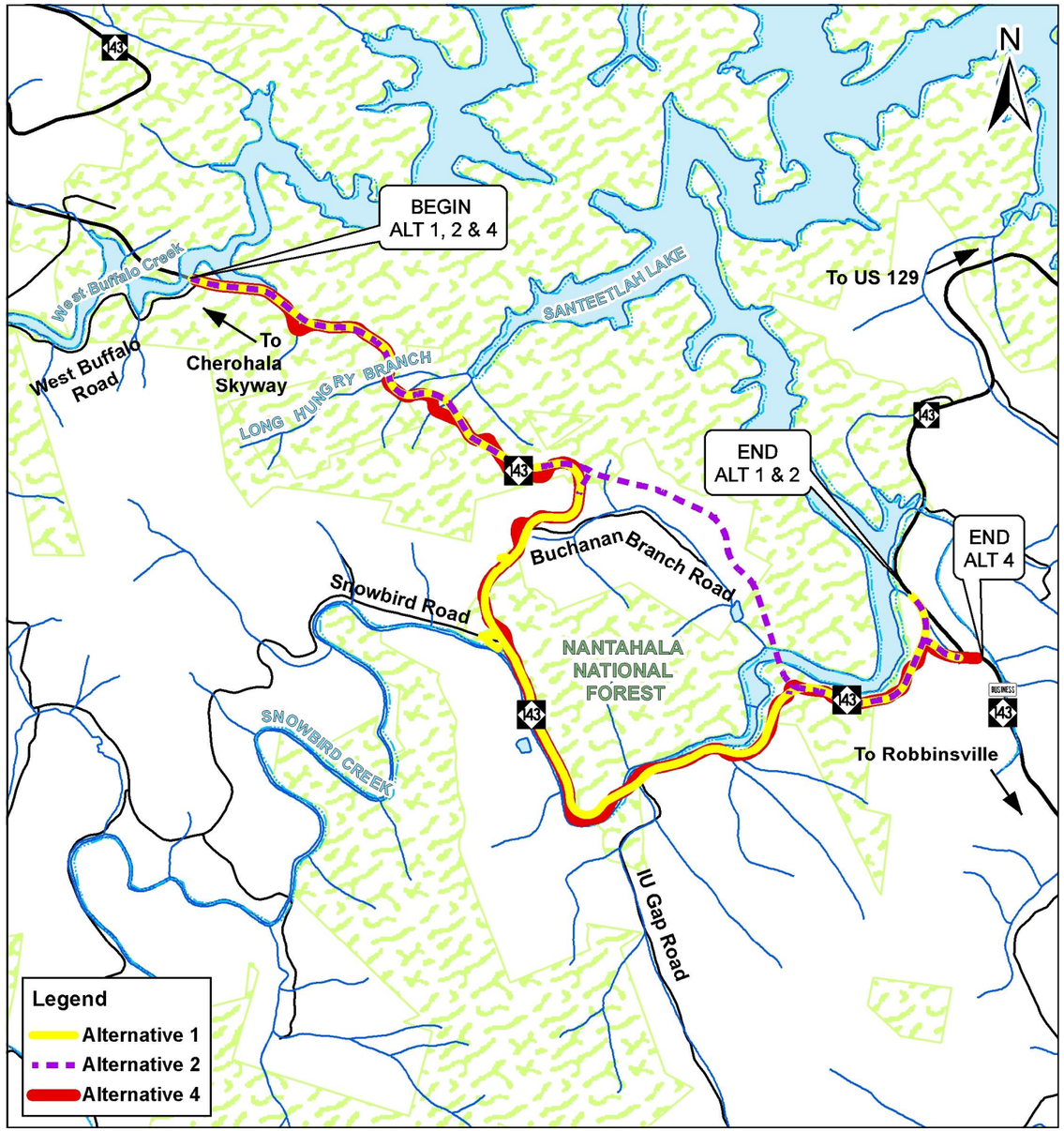
Three alternatives are currently being considered (see map on opposite page):

- **Alternative 1** is 4.3 miles in length. It would widen N.C. 143 and improve curves in close proximity to the existing road from West Buffalo Creek to just north of N.C. 143 Business. It would realign the intersection of N.C. 143 at N.C. 143 Business.
- **Alternative 2** is 3.1 miles in length. It would widen N.C. 143 and improve curves in close proximity to the existing road from West Buffalo Creek to just north of Buchanan Branch Road. A new road would be constructed along the north side of Buchanan Branch Road with a new crossing of Snowbird Creek. N.C. 143 would then be widened and curves would be improved in close proximity to the existing road to just north of N.C. 143 Business, including realignment of the intersection of N.C. 143 at N.C. 143 Business.
- **Alternative 4** is 4.5 miles in length. It would widen N.C. 143 from West Buffalo Creek to N.C. 143 Business without curve improvements or realignment of the intersection of N.C. 143 at N.C. 143 Business.

Note: **Alternative 3** was removed from consideration in December 2010 due to its impacts to the Nantahala National Forest and Santeetlah Lake:

PROPOSED ROADWAY

The diagram below shows what the new road might look like. N.C. 143 will be widened to provide 11-foot lanes and 6-foot grassed shoulders.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