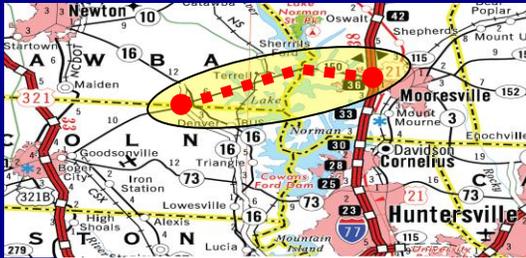


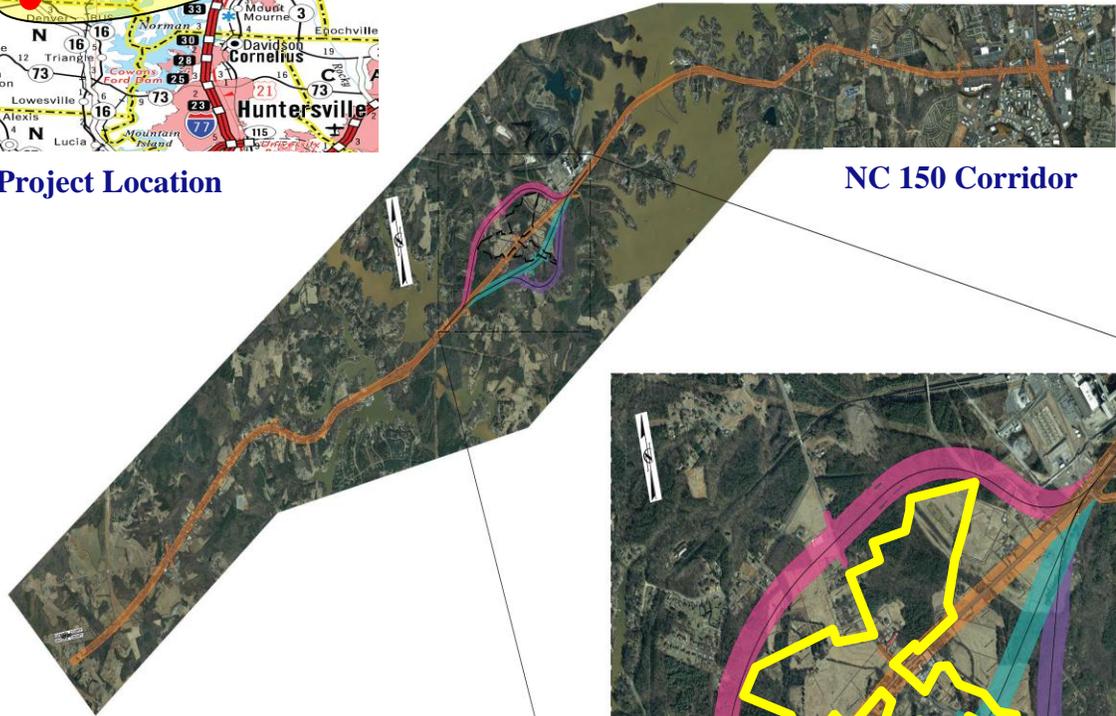
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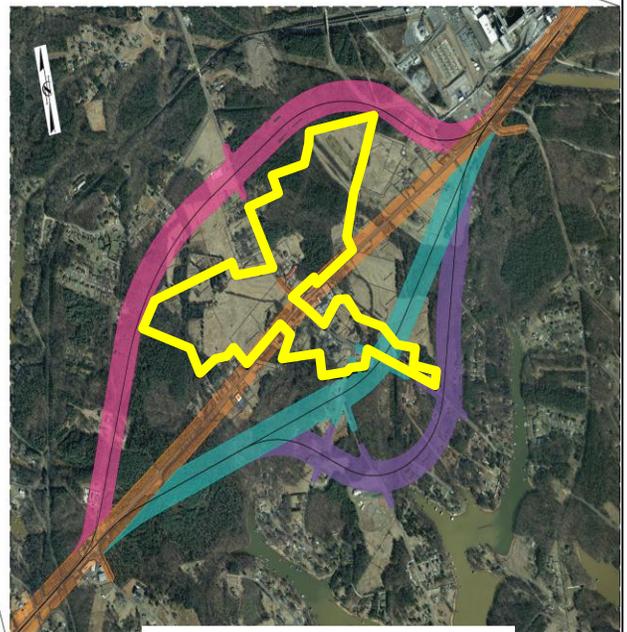
Public Meeting



Project Location



NC 150 Corridor



Terrell Historic District

NC 150 Widening
From I-77 in Iredell County to the NC 16 Bypass in Catawba County

November 21, 2013

TIP No. R-2307
FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to involve the public in the project development process and to inform citizens that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is planning to widen NC 150 from I-77 in Iredell County to the NC 16 Bypass in Catawba County. Public involvement is an integral part of the NCDOT's project development process. The concerns of citizens and interest groups are considered during project development studies. Often, additional project alternatives are studied or recommended alternatives are changed based on comments received from the public and/or local officials.

NCDOT realizes individuals living close to a proposed project want to be informed of the possible effects of the project on their homes and businesses. However, exact information may not be available at this stage of the project development process. For example, design work is necessary before the actual right of way limits can be established. This type of detailed information will be available at a later date. The purpose of this workshop is to receive your comments *before* final design decisions are made.

Written comments on this project may be left with NCDOT representatives at the workshop or mailed to the address below. If additional information is needed or you would like to submit comments after the workshop, please address requests and comments to:

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THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Planning and environmental studies for federally funded highway projects are conducted in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The type of document published following the planning study depends on the magnitude of the project and its expected environmental impact. NCDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project.

The EA will discuss the purpose and need for the proposed improvements, evaluate alternatives, and analyze the project's impact on both the human and natural environment. The document will address the following areas of concern:

Efficiency and safety of travel	Wildlife and plant communities
Neighborhoods and communities	Water quality
Relocation of homes and businesses	Floodplains and streams
Economy of project area	Farmland
Land use plans	Archaeological sites
Historic properties	Hazardous materials
Wetlands	Traffic noise
Endangered species	Air quality

NCDOT is in the very early planning stages with this project. Study corridors, as shown on the exhibit on the front page, have been developed for the project and detailed studies will be conducted in these corridors in the future. The results of these studies will aid in developing the preliminary alternatives to carry forward in to the preliminary design phase of the planning process.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLEMENT

SCOPING LETTER - Published in the NC Environmental Bulletin. This letter notifies agencies and groups on the State Clearinghouse mailing list that a project study has been initiated and solicits comments from them.

PUBLIC MEETING – NCDOT conducts these workshops to speak one-on-one with citizens about projects. Comment sheets are provided for citizens to write down their questions, comments, and concerns.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION – Copies of environmental documents are submitted to the State Clearinghouse for distribution and a notice is published in the NC Environmental Bulletin. Upon request, NCDOT will provide copies of the document to the public. Copies are available for public viewing at NCDOT Raleigh and Division offices, the State Clearinghouse office, local government offices, including the local council of government office, and local public libraries.

CITIZEN LETTER – Citizens are encouraged to write NCDOT and provide information and express concerns regarding proposed improvements at anytime during the process. Correspondence from citizens and interest groups is considered during the course of planning study and is included in the project file.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NCDOT proposes to widen NC 150 from I-77 in Iredell County to the NC 16 Bypass in Catawba County from a two-lane facility to a four-lane facility.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose and need for this project is to improve capacity and reduce congestion along NC 150 from the NC 16 Bypass to the I-77 Interchange. The need for project is based on:

- Traffic volumes
 - The existing capacity is 12,700 vehicles per day (in the two-lane segment). Today over 20,000 cars traverse the two-lane stretch of NC 150 daily.
- Existing & projected LOS
 - The current year volume-to-capacity ratio is 1.57 (in the two-lane segment), well over a LOS F. In 2035, the volume to capacity ratio is expected to exceed 2.19, and could be as high as 3.29.
- Safety
 - This stretch of NC 150 exceeds the statewide and critical rates. Rear-end crashes were the largest percentage of crashes.

Current Project Schedule

Description	Schedule
Environmental Document (EA)	Fall/Winter 2015
Right of Way	2017
Let date	2019

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP.
YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS.