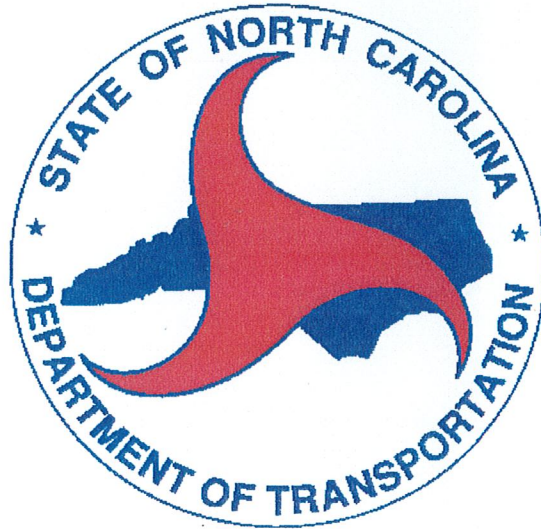


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Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch



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CONCORD, CABARRUS COUNTY  
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APRIL 15, 2004

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STATE PROJECT NO. 9.8100498  
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## PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to involve the public in the project development process for the widening of Poplar Tent Road. If you have comments or suggestions about the proposed improvements described in this handout, please inform a representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Please use the enclosed comment sheet to express your concerns or suggestions.

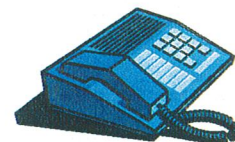
NCDOT realizes individuals living close to a proposed project want to be informed of the possible effects of the project on their homes and businesses. However, exact information is not available at this stage of the project development process. For example, design work is necessary before the actual 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 and suggestions *before* final design decisions are made.

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

**Write:** Gregory Thorpe, Ph.D., Manager  
ATTN: Stephen Greene, Project Development Engineer  
Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch  
North Carolina Department of Transportation  
1548 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548



**Call:** Stephen Greene, Project Development Engineer  
(919) 733-7844 ext. 327



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to widen SR 1394 (Poplar Tent Road) from SR 1445 (Derita Road) to the US 29/601 Bypass. The project is approximately 6.1 miles in length. The project is included in NCDOT's 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and is on the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO Thoroughfare Plan.

Figure 1 shows the general location of the proposed improvements. These improvements include a four-lane divided curb and gutter typical section.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

### NCDOT'S 2004-2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT STAGE	TIP SCHEDULE	CURRENT COST
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION	Part A Fiscal Year 2006* Part B Fiscal Year 2009*	\$ 500,000 \$1,500,000
CONSTRUCTION	Part A Fiscal Year 2008* Part B Post Year*	\$ 7,200,000 \$10,600,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST*		\$ 21,580,000

\*The project is divided into two parts, Part A and Part B. Part A is from SR 1445 (Derita Road) to SR 1430 (George Liles Parkway). Part B is from SR 1430 (George Liles Parkway) to the US 29/601 Bypass. The Total Project Cost includes Prior Year Cost of \$1,780,000.

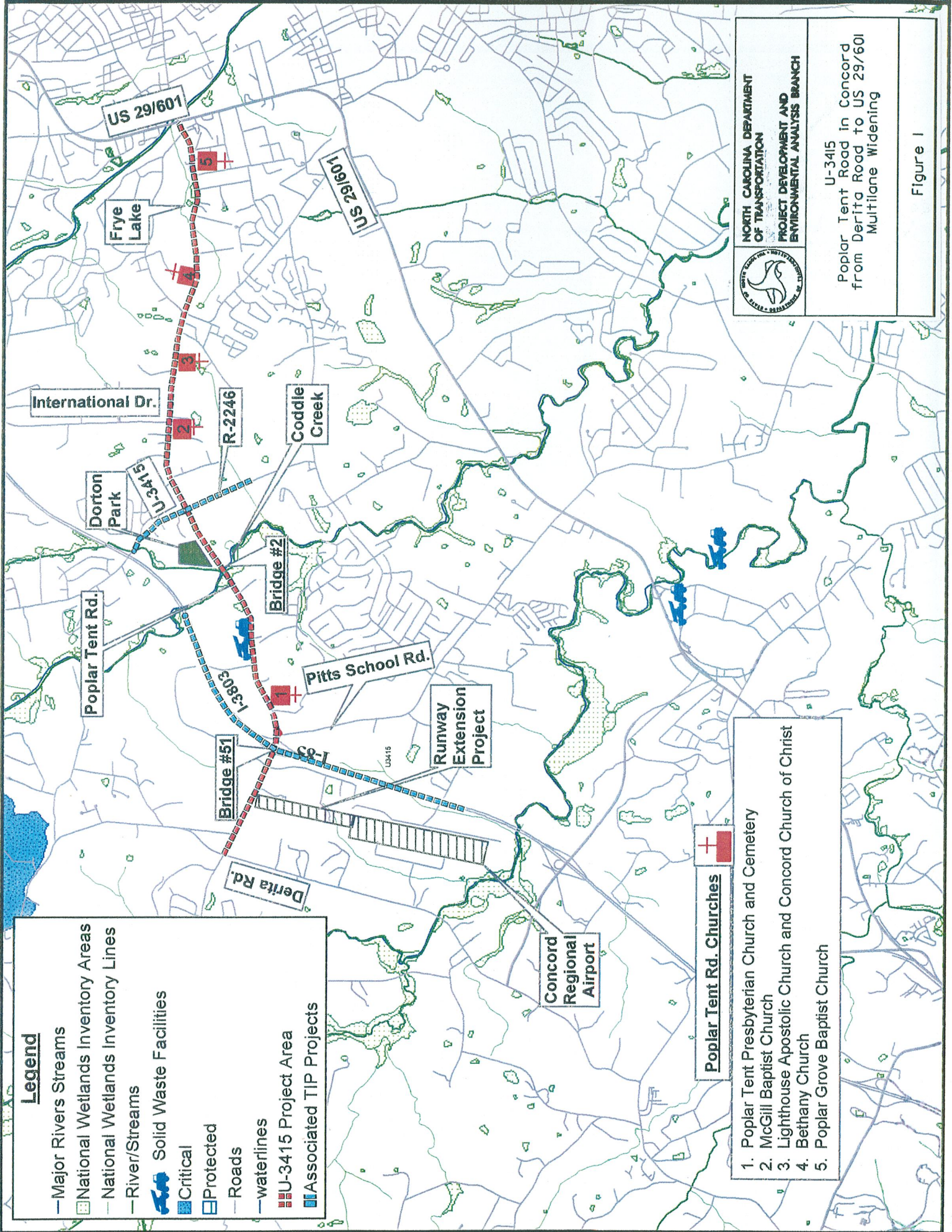
## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The proposed project improvements are needed to:

- ❖ Increase traffic capacity
- ❖ Improve safety along the project corridor
- ❖ Improve access to Concord Regional Airport

## OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- ❖ R-2246: Concord-Kannapolis, Westside Bypass Extension, NC 49 to South of I-85. Widen to four lanes divided. Some new location.



**Legend**

- Major Rivers Streams
- ▨ National Wetlands Inventory Areas
- ▨ National Wetlands Inventory Lines
- River/Streams
- ♻️ Solid Waste Facilities
- ⚠️ Critical
- ⚠️ Protected
- Roads
- waterlines
- ▨ U-3415 Project Area
- ▨ Associated TIP Projects

**Poplar Tent Rd. Churches**

1. Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church and Cemetery
2. McGill Baptist Church
3. Lighthouse Apostolic Church and Concord Church of Christ
4. Bethany Church
5. Poplar Grove Baptist Church

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**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS BRANCH**

U-3415  
Poplar Tent Road in Concord  
from Derita Road to US 29/601  
Multilane Widening

Figure 1

- ❖ I-3803: I-85 from US 29-NC 49 Connector in Mecklenburg County to NC 73 in Cabarrus County. Add additional lanes.
- ❖ MA 10057R: Groff Street at Poplar Tent Road, add turn lanes.
- ❖ MA 10018R: Odell School Road, from Poplar Tent Road to NC 3, widen, rehabilitate pavement, resurface, and add turn lanes
- ❖ MA 10074R: Pitts School Road, realign intersection at Poplar Tent Road.

## CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

Currently, project development and environmental studies for the proposed project are in progress. NCDOT is asking for your cooperation by allowing personnel entry onto your property in order to collect data and make measurements. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is scheduled for completion in January 2006. The EA will address impacts the proposed roadway improvements may have on the human and natural environment.

## THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Project development and environmental studies for federally funded highway projects are conducted in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NCDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Poplar Tent Road widening project.

The Environmental Assessment 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
Economy of project area	Farmland and land use plans of project area
Historic properties and sites	Hazardous materials (underground tanks etc.)
Wetlands	Traffic noise
Endangered species	Air quality

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

NCDOT provides a number of opportunities for citizen and interest group participation during project development. Some of these opportunities are listed below:

### **SCOPING LETTER**

Published in the N.C. 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.

### **CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP**

This is an informal workshop with the public. NCDOT representatives are available to discuss the project one-on-one with citizens. Workshop handouts provide citizens with project information. Comment sheets are also available to convey questions, comments, and concerns. The number of workshops scheduled for a project depends on the scope and anticipated impact of the project.

### **DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION**

Copies of the environmental document are submitted to the State Clearinghouse for distribution and a notice is published in the N.C. 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

One or more formal public hearings for the public record are held. The hearing format typically involves a short presentation followed by an opportunity for citizens to comment.

### **CITIZEN LETTERS**

Citizens are encouraged to write NCDOT, provide information, and express concerns regarding proposed improvements. Correspondence from citizens and interest groups is considered during the course of the study.

**COMMENT SHEET**

**POPLAR TENT ROAD WIDENING  
CABARRUS COUNTY  
TIP NO. U-3415**

**April 15, 2004**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Please Print)**

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**(Please Print)**

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