



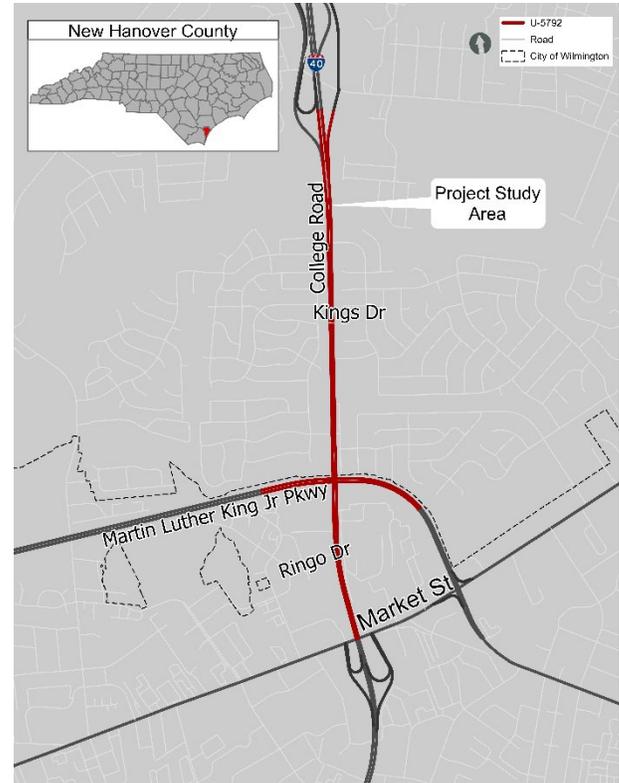
U.S. 117 / N.C. 132 (College Road) Improvements

State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. U-5792

January 29, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to make improvements to U.S. 117 / N.C. 132 (College Road) in Wilmington. The improvements are planned between U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) to south of S.R. 2048 (Gordon Road). The project proposes to convert the current at-grade intersection of U.S. 117 / N.C. 132 (College Road) and U.S. 74 (Martin Luther King Jr Parkway) to a grade-separated interchange. This interchange includes a proposed flyover bridge to connect vehicles traveling eastbound on Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to northbound College Road. The project also proposes widening College Road from the existing two-lane section to a three-lane section in each direction from U.S. 17 Business (Market Street) to south of S.R. 2048 (Gordon Road). There will be additional grade-separated interchange improvements along College Road at the intersections of College Road at Ringo Drive and College Road at Kings Drive. This project is listed as U-5792 in NCDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).



PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and address delays along College Road. The 2024 annual average daily traffic (AADT) along College Road, between Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Spring View Drive, is 54,400 vehicles per day (vpd). This volume will grow to 88,900 vpd in 2045.

PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING

Today's meeting is an important step in NCDOT's procedures for making you, the public, a part of the project development process. The purpose of the meeting is to present the conceptual design for the proposed projects, provide information and answer questions, and to gather public input on the location and design of the recommended improvements.

Following the close of the comment period (March 2, 2026), NCDOT staff will review all comments and issues discussed. NCDOT considers safety, cost, traffic service, social impacts, and public comments in making decisions.

PROJECT HISTORY

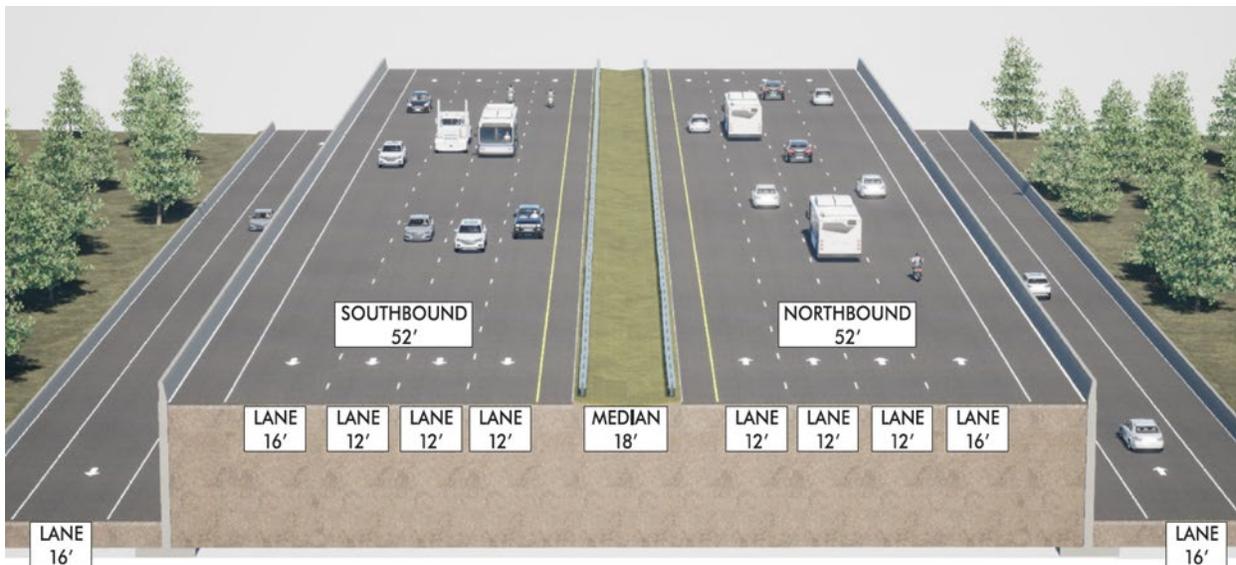
In 2018, the N.C. Department of Transportation proposed improvements to the intersection at College Road (U.S. 117/N.C. 132) and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway (U.S. 74) including converting the intersection to an interchange.

In 2022, the project was expanded to include additional improvements to College Road. The current NCDOT [2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program](#), or STIP, includes the following upgrades on College Road from Market Street to Gordon Road.

In May of 2025, the project design was revised to incorporate additional improvements as warrant by an updated traffic forecast in 2024.

TYPICAL SECTIONS

The typical section proposed for College Road between Market Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway includes three 12-foot lanes in each direction. Adjacent to the mainline, there will be exit/entrance ramps providing access to College Road from local businesses, driveways, and Ringo Drive on a collector-distributor system.



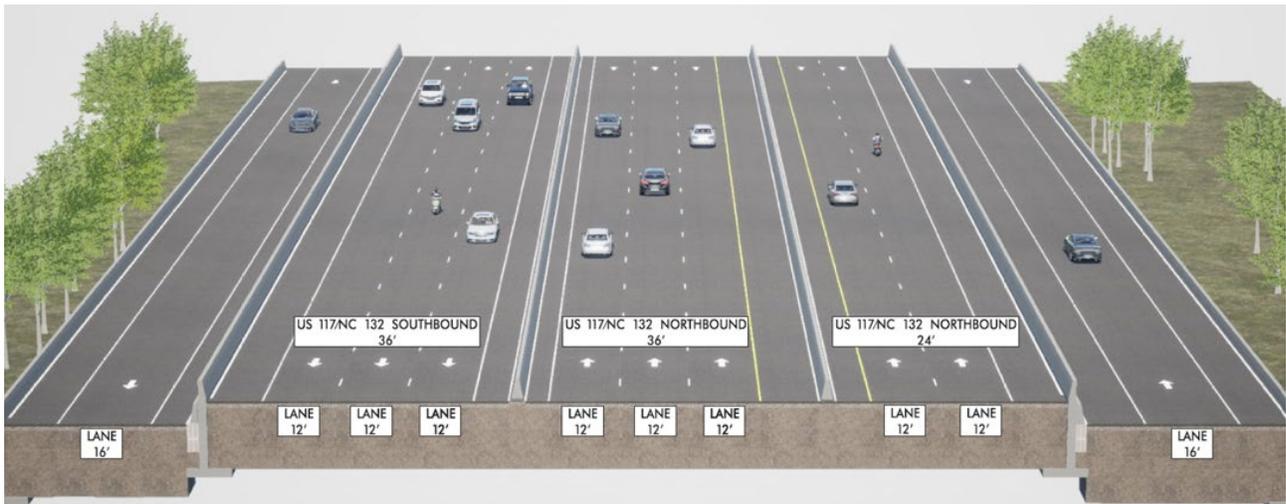
Typical Section 1: Typical Section between Market Street and Martin Luther King Jr Parkway

The following typical section displays the proposed overpass of College Road, which will be bridged over Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway will include three through lanes and two turn lanes in each direction.



Typical Section 2. Typical Section College Road/MLK Jr Parkway Overpass

The typical section proposed for College Road north of Kings Drive includes three 12-foot lanes in each direction, in addition to one 12-foot collector-distributor lane in each direction. College Road is accessible from the entrance/exit ramps at Kings Drive and Kennington Street along this segment.



Typical Section 3: Typical Section North of Kings Drive

PROJECT COSTS*

Phase	Estimated Costs
Project Development & Design	\$6,000,000
Right-of-Way	\$37,900,000
Utility Relocation	\$2,700,000
Construction	\$241,900,000
Total	\$288,500,000

**Cost estimates are preliminary and subject to change.*

NEXT STEPS

After the comment period ends, the project team will meet to review the comments received and prepare a public comment summary, which will be posted to the project website. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared for the project. The CE will detail the planning and design process and describes the anticipated impacts to the human and natural environment. Measures to avoid and minimize impacts to the human and natural environment will be considered during development of the CE. As the proposed project advances and final designs are developed, additional design refinements will be evaluated to further minimize impacts. Final design will begin after the CE is completed, and additional coordination with regulatory and resource agencies occurs.

Milestone	Date**
Public Meeting 1	June 2018
Alternative Selection	May 2025
Public Meeting 2	January 2026
Environmental Document (CE)	Spring 2026
Right-of-Way acquisitions begins	Summer 2026
Construction	Summer 2029

***future dates are subject to change*

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Public involvement is an important part of the planning process. The N.C. Department of Transportation encourages citizen involvement on transportation projects and will consider your suggestions and address your concerns. Team members are available to answer your questions and can be contacted throughout the project development process. You are encouraged to review the mapping on display and provide your comments to our project team. Meeting maps are also available online at the project website: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/us-117-nc-132-mlk-parkway/Pages/default.aspx> or the NCDOT Division 3 office at the following address: NCDOT Division 3 Office, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

Comments can be submitted via the comment form attached to this handout, via email to the project managers listed, via the project website, or online on the project's Public Input website: <https://publicinput.com/CollegeRd-MLKJr-Interchange>. Comments received by **March 2, 2026**, will be included in the public comment summary.



For project details, visit <https://publicinput.com/CollegeRd-MLKJr-Interchange>

Or scan the QR code on the left-hand side of the page.

Project Email: CollegeRd-MLKJr-Interchange@PublicInput.com

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RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCEDURES

Although the N.C. Department of Transportation works to minimize the number of homes and businesses displaced by a road project, it is inevitable, in many cases, that a certain amount of private property is needed. The following information explains right-of-way acquisition and answers questions about the process.

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/ROW/Pages/ROW-Neg-Relo.aspx>

[Folleto del Proceso De Adquisición de Bienes Raíces.pdf](#)

After decisions are made regarding the final design, the proposed right-of-way limits will be staked in the ground. If you are an affected property owner, a Right-of-Way Agent will contact you and arrange a meeting.

The agent will explain the plans and advise you as to how the project will affect you. The agent will also inform you of your rights as a property owner.

If permanent right-of-way is required, professionals who are familiar with real estate values will evaluate or appraise your property. The evaluations or appraisals will be reviewed for completeness and accuracy, and then the Right-of-Way Agent will make a written offer to you.

The current market value of the property at its highest and best use when appraised will be offered as compensation. The Department of Transportation must:

1. Treat all owners and tenants equally.
2. Fully explain the owner's rights.
3. Pay just compensation in exchange for property rights.
4. Furnish relocation advisory assistance.

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TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORM

Completing this form is **completely** voluntary. You are not required to provide the information requested in order to participate in this meeting.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related authorities, the N.C. Department of Transportation assures that no person(s) shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any of the Department's programs, policies, or activities, based on their race, color, national origin, disability, age, income, or gender.

Completing this form helps meet our data collection and public involvement obligations under Title VI and NEPA, and will improve how we serve the public. Please place the completed form in the designated box on the sign-in table, hand it to an NCDOT official or mail it to the Environmental Analysis Unit, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598.

All forms will remain on file at the NCDOT as part of the public record.

Zip Code: _____ Street Name: (i.e. Main Street) _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer
Total Household Income: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$47,000 – \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 – \$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 – \$93,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 – \$30,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$94,000 – \$117,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$31,000 – \$46,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$118,000 or greater	Age: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44 Have a Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Race/Ethnicity: Select **all that apply** and enter additional details in the spaces below.

American Indian or Alaska Native – *Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.*

Asian – *Provide details below.*

Chinese Asian Indian Filipino Vietnamese Korean Japanese
Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc. _____

Black or African American – *Provide details below.*

African American Jamaican Haitian Nigerian Ethiopian Somali
Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc. _____

Hispanic or Latino – *Provide details below.*

Mexican Puerto Rican Salvadoran Cuban Dominican Guatemalan
Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc. _____

Middle Eastern or North African – *Provide details below.*

Lebanese Iranian Egyptian Syrian Iraqi Israeli
Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc. _____

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – *Provide details below.*

Native Hawaiian Samoan Chamorro Tongan Fijian Marshallese
Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc. _____

White – *Provide details below.*

English German Irish Italian Polish Scottish
Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc. _____

How did you hear about this meeting? (newspaper advertisement, flyer, and/or mailing) _____

For more information regarding Title VI or this request, please contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at (984) 236-1200, or by email at titlevi@ncdot.gov. Thank you for your participation!



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