Welcome to US 19/23 (Future I-26) Improvements
Citizens Informational Workshop #1

Please be seated. The presentation will begin in a few moments.

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This is an introduction to the workshop for the US19/23 (Future I-26) Improvements Project.

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Today at the workshop, you will:

- See the project map and schedule
- Find out why the project is needed
- Talk with NCDOT staff, regional planners, and local representatives
- Be able to give comments

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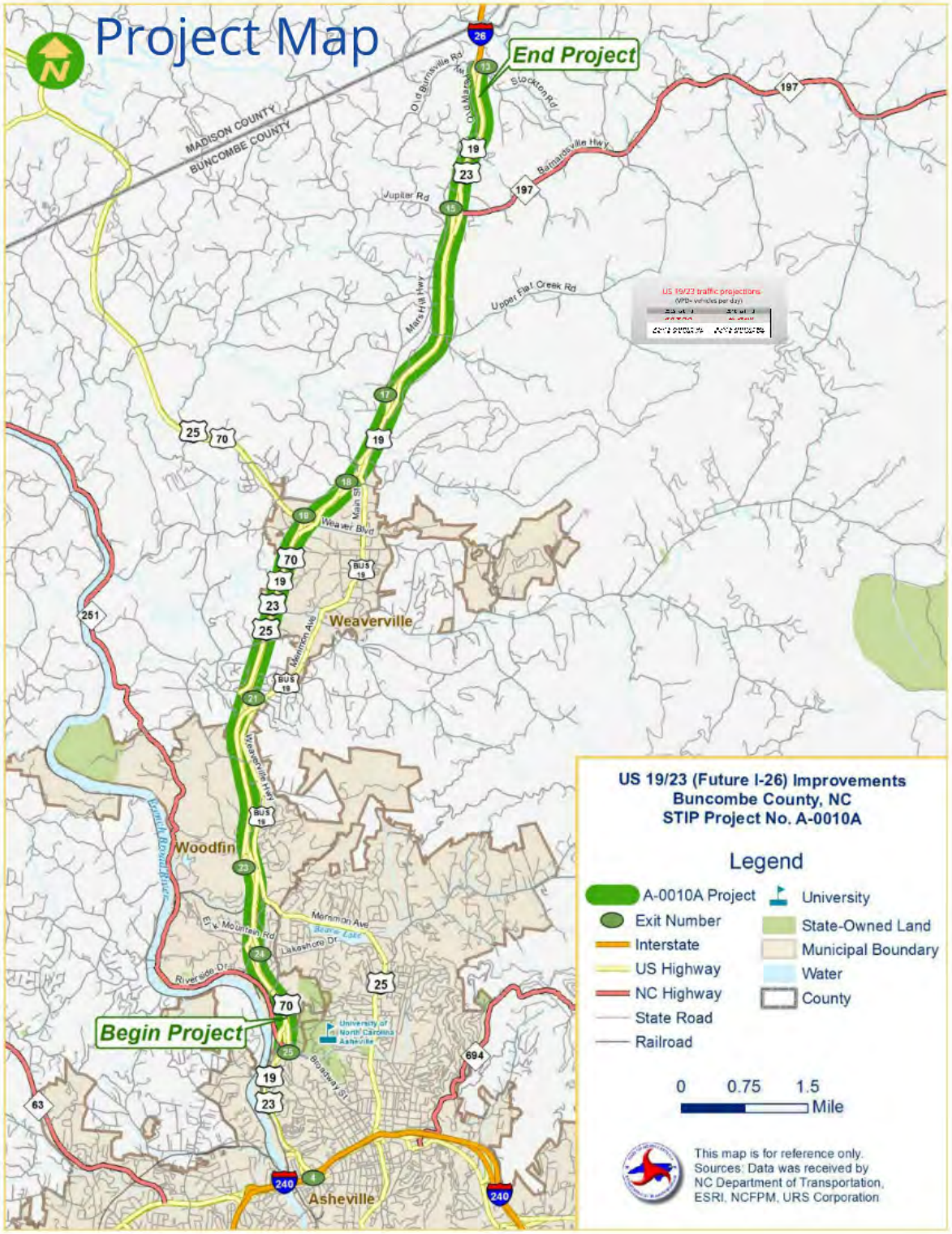
Project Map



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US 19/23 traffic projections

(VPD= vehicles per day)

2013 no build	2040 no build
Current Traffic Volume	Future Traffic Volume
24,000 VPD (Exit 13-Stockton Road) 62,000 VPD (Exit 25-Broadway Street)	45,000 VPD (Exit 13-Stockton Road) 83,000 VPD (Exit 25-Broadway Street)

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What will be done in this project?

- We are studying 6-lane and 8-lane widening options in order to reduce traffic congestion for particular sections of the highway.
- We will evaluate and replace particular bridges.
- We will evaluate and reconstruct pavement.

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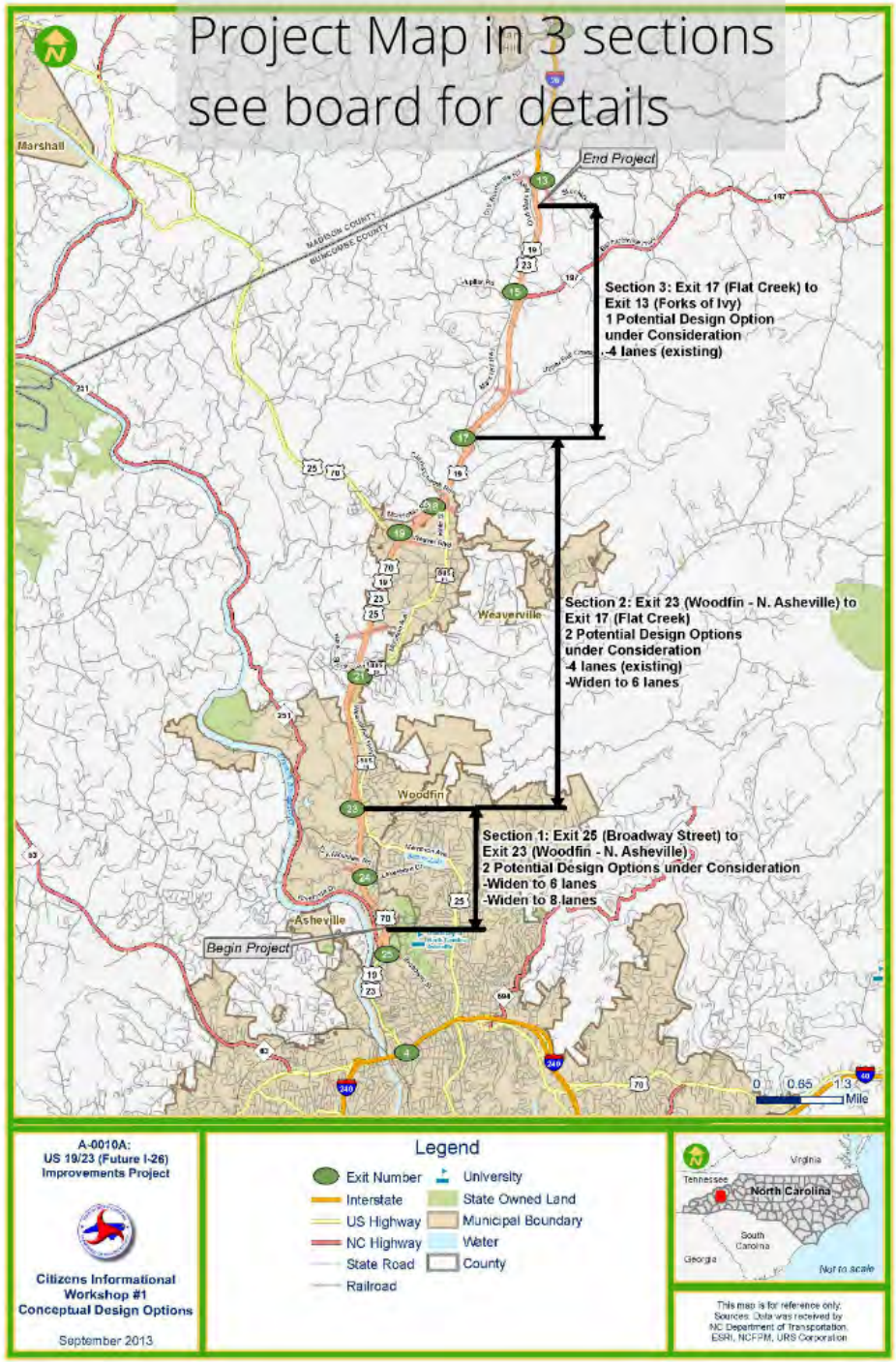
Project Map in 3 sections see board for details



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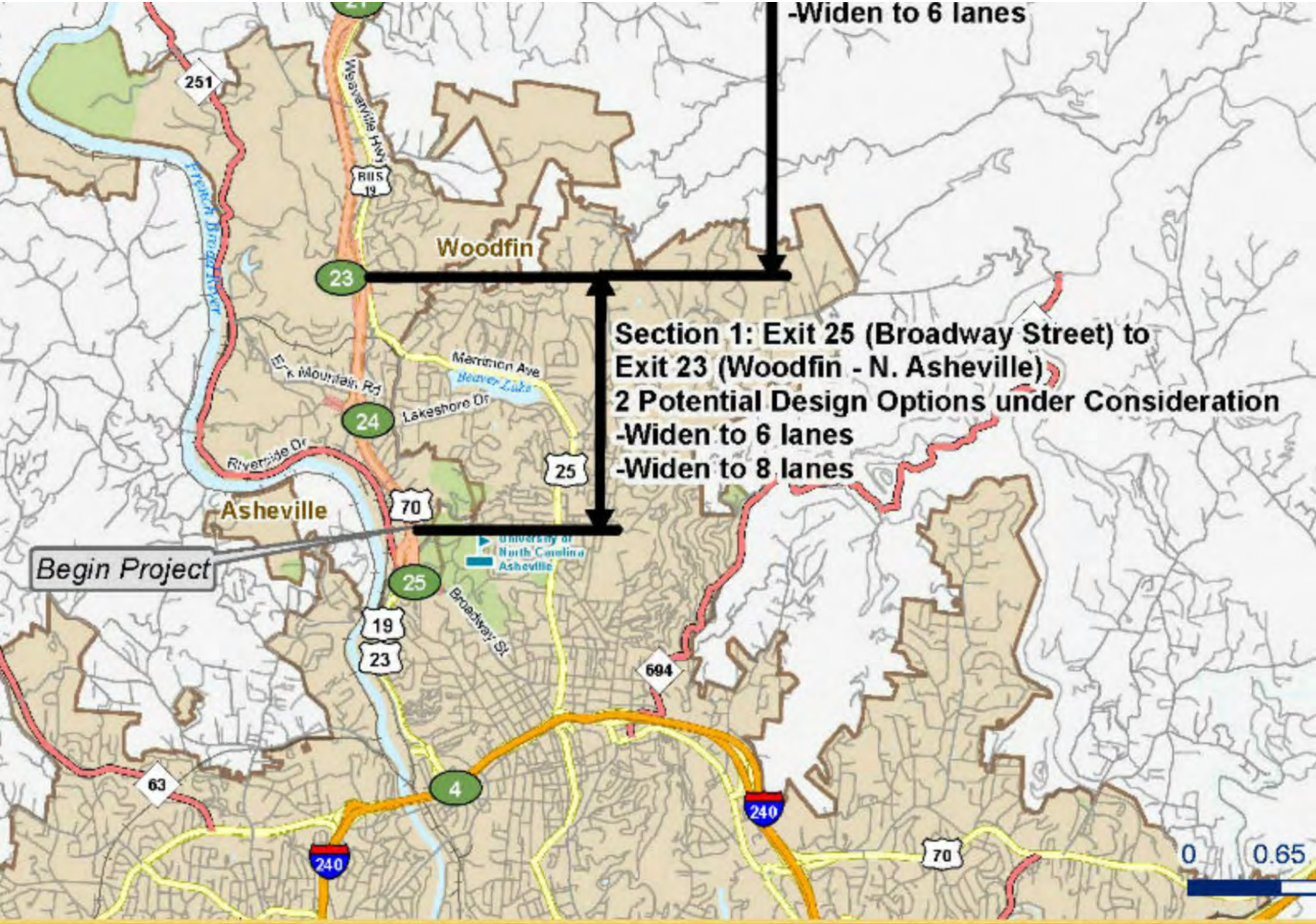
-Widen to 6 lanes
Section 1: Exit 25 (Broadway Street) to
Exit 23 (Woodfin - N. Asheville)
2 Potential Design Options under Consideration
-Widen to 6 lanes
-Widen to 8 lanes
Begin Project
Woodfin
Asheville
Weaverville Hwy
French Broad River
Merrimon Ave
Beaver Lake
Lakeshore Dr
Riverside Dr
Broadway St
University of North Carolina Asheville
251
BUS 19
23
24
25
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23
694
63
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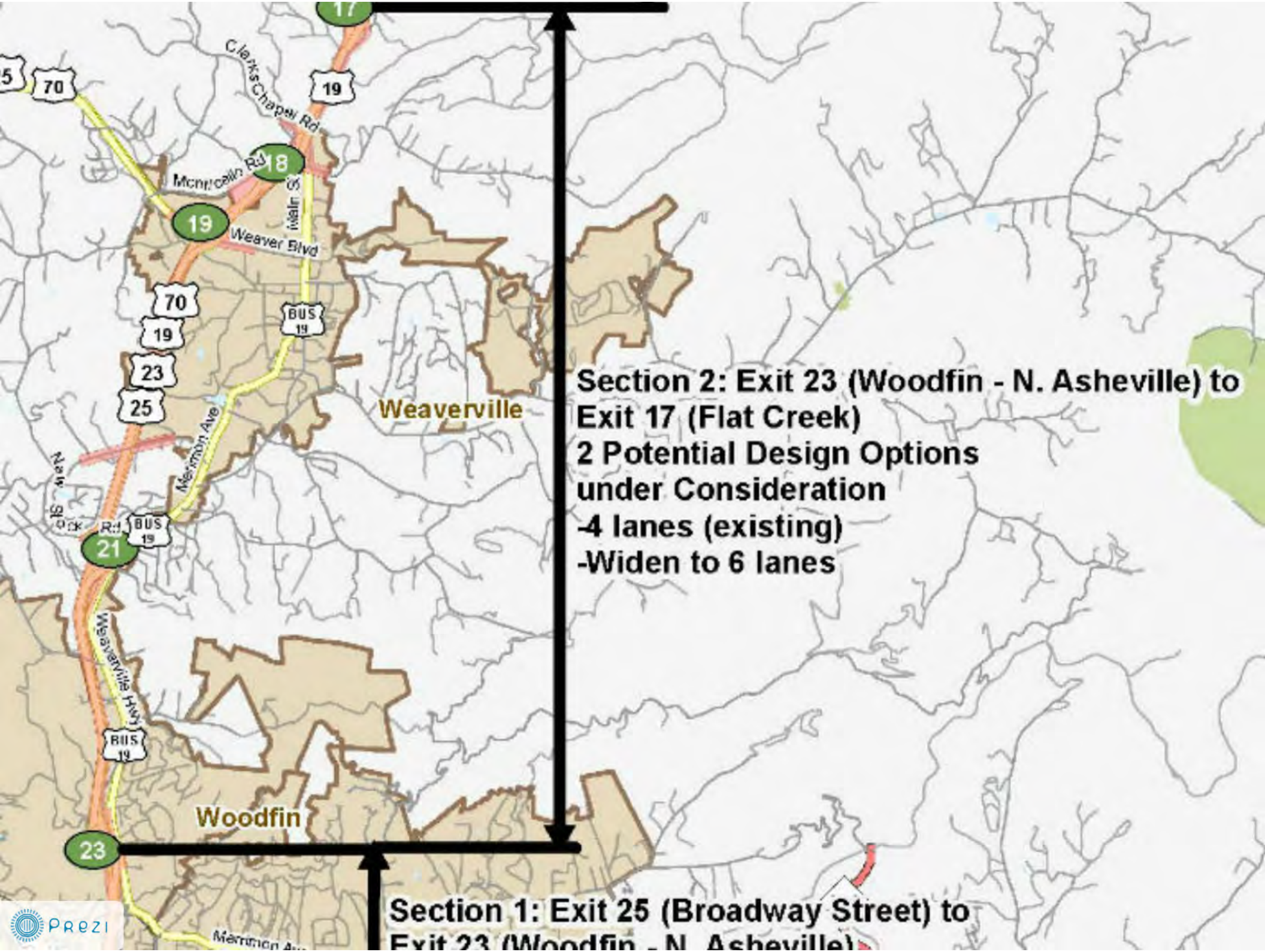
Legend


Section 2: Exit 23 (Woodfin - N. Asheville) to
Exit 17 (Flat Creek)
2 Potential Design Options
under Consideration
-4 lanes (existing)
-Widen to 6 lanes
Section 1: Exit 25 (Broadway Street) to
Exit 23 (Woodfin - N. Asheville)
Weaverville
Woodfin
Clarks Chapel Rd
Monticello Rd
Weaver Blvd
Merrimon Ave
Weaverville Hwy
17
18
19
21
23
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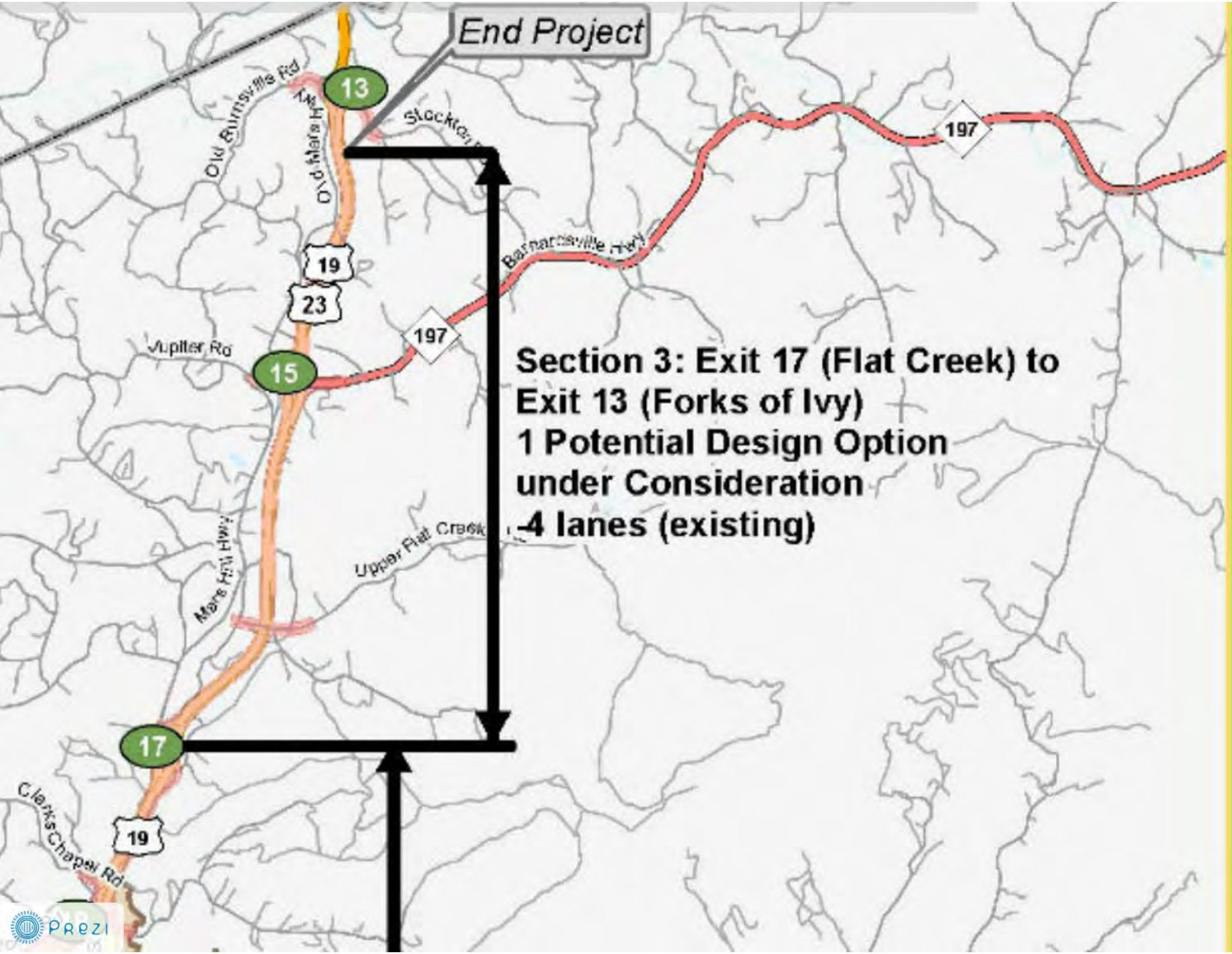
70
BUS 19


End Project
13
Old Burnsville Rd
Old Mars Hill Hwy
Stockton
197
Barnardsville Hwy
19
23
197
Jupiter Rd
15
Section 3: Exit 17 (Flat Creek) to
Exit 13 (Forks of Ivy)
1 Potential Design Option
under Consideration
-4 lanes (existing)
Upper Flat Creek
Mars Hill Hwy
17
Clarks Chapel Rd
19

What is the Merger Process?

The US 19/23 (future I-26) Improvements project will be developed in accordance with the Section 404/NEPA Interagency Merger Process, which merges project compliance with Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

The Process was established to streamline the project development and the permitting processes, and to allow for collaborative decision-making to avoid, minimize, or mitigate for impacts to the human and natural environment while meeting the safety and mobility of the traveling public and the purpose and need for the project.

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This project is included in local long range plans.

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) - adopted on November 15, 2007 and by NCDOT on January 10, 2008, lists US19/23 improvements. The CTP horizon year is 2030.

French Broad River (FBR) MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) - adopted by TAC on September 23, 2010. LRTP time horizon is 2010-2035.

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Present day US19/23

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Project Timeline

2013	September	October	November	December
	Citizens Informational Workshop #1	Begin Environmental Studies	Develop Draft Purpose and Need Identify Design Options	Interagency Meeting to Establish Purpose and Need and Design Options for Detailed Study

Currently scheduled for Right of Way Acquisition in 2018.

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Now it's time to:

-talk with NCDOT staff
- review the project map
- give your input on the project

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