



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Western Section

STIP PROJECT NO. R- 2247
WBS No. 34839.1.1
Winston-Salem
Forsyth County, North Carolina

Transportation Corridor Official Map Act Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Open House

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Informal Open House 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation 7:00 p.m.

West Forsyth High School
1735 Lewisville Clemmons Road, Clemmons

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Today's meeting is another important step in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) efforts for keeping you, the public, involved in the planning and development of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway.

A "Protected Corridor" has been identified that includes the areas of the beltway that the Department anticipates it will need to build the proposed road. The intent of the protected corridor is to preserve the highway's planned route by limiting certain types of development in its proposed path. This minimizes the impact on property owners and the number of people who will have to be relocated.

As a result of funding and design changes during development of final designs, NCDOT is proposing to modify the Protected Corridor for the western section of the beltway. Some properties that were previously in the corridor are no longer protected, while other properties that were not protected are now part of the Protected Corridor. Three changes to the Official Map are proposed, as described on page 3 and on the attached map. At today's meeting, we are presenting the updated Protected Corridor for the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway "Western Section." **More information concerning the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act is included in the "Protected Corridor: What That Really Means to You" brochure, available at the sign-in table.**

The project's Transportation Corridor Official Map has been available at the following locations for 30 days prior to today's meeting. Copies of the map are also available on the NCDOT website at:

- Public Meetings website: www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings
- Project website: www.ncdot.gov/projects/wsnb
- Forsyth County Courthouse, 200 N. Main Street, Winston-Salem
- Winston-Salem City Hall South – Room 307, 100 East First Street, Winston-Salem
- Lewisville Town Hall, 6510 Shallowford Road, Lewisville
- NCDOT Division 9 Office, 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem

YOUR PARTICIPATION

You are encouraged to continue to participate by making your comments and/or questions a part of the public record. This may be done by having them recorded at the formal Public Hearing or by writing them on the attached comment sheet. Several representatives of the North Carolina Department of Transportation are present. They will be happy to talk with you, explain the project to you and answer your questions.

You may write your comments and questions on the attached comment sheet and leave it in the comment box provided, or email or mail them to the following address (**Comments are due no later than July 25, 2013**):

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1598 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1598
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Email: PublicInvolvement2@ncdot.gov

Everyone present is urged to participate in the proceedings. It is important, however, that **THE OPINIONS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS BE RESPECTED REGARDLESS OF HOW DIVERGENT THEY MAY BE FROM YOUR OWN**. Accordingly, debates, as such, are out of place at public meetings. Also, the public meeting is not to be used as a POPULAR REFERUNDUM to determine the location and/or design by a majority vote of those present.

WHAT IS DONE WITH THE INPUT?



A post-hearing meeting will be conducted after the comment period has ended. All spoken and written issues are reviewed and discussed at the post-hearing meeting. Most issues are resolved at this meeting. The NCDOT considers safety, costs, traffic service, social impacts and public comments in making decisions. Complex issues may require additional study and may be reviewed by higher management, Board of Transportation Members and/or the Secretary of Transportation.

Minutes of the NCDOT post-hearing meeting will be prepared and a summary is available to the public by noting your request on the attached comment sheet.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONSHIP

This proposed project is a Federal-Aid Highway Project and thus will be constructed under the State-Federal Aid Highway Program. Financing of this project will be 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds. The Board of Transportation is responsible for the selection and scheduling of projects on the Federal-Aid System including their location, design and maintenance cost after construction. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is responsible for the review and approval of the previously mentioned activities to ensure that each Federal-Aid Project is designed, constructed and maintained to Federal-Aid Standards.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Winston-Salem Northern Beltway is a multi-lane freeway that will loop around the northern part of Winston-Salem. The project begins at US 158 southwest of Winston-Salem and ends at US 311 southeast of the city. The total length of the project is 34.2 miles. The beltway is made up of two sections:

- Western Section (Project R-2247): from US 158 to US 52
- Eastern Section (Project U-2579) from US 52 to US 311

CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL MAP

Three changes to the Official Map for Project R-2247 are proposed. Locations of each change are noted on the attached map.

(1) The interchange of the beltway with Bethania-Tobaccoville Road has been re-designed to avoid impacts to a historic property. The revised corridor will be added to the Official Map, and the portion of the corridor that is no longer impacted will be removed from the Official Map. This interchange is in Project R-2247 Section EA.

(2) At the previous Corridor Protection Public Hearing, the section of the beltway from US 421 to Robinhood Road was not protected by the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, because right-of-way acquisition was already under way in that area. Since that time, funding for the project was delayed and right-of-way acquisition was put on hold. Therefore, this section will now be added to the

Official Map to limit further development in the corridor. Minimal changes have been made to the design in this section. This segment is Project R-2247 Sections CA and CB.

(3) A previously proposed access road from Tilmark Drive to Peace Haven Road, near the I-40/US 421 interchange, has been removed. The corridor will be revised to no longer include the properties in that area. This area is in Project R-2247 Section B.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The primary purposes of the Western Section of R-2247 are:

- Improve north/south connectivity in western Forsyth County
- Provide improved direct connections to US 52, US 421, and I-40
- Provide congestion relief to area roadways

PROJECT HISTORY – WESTERN SECTION

The Western Section of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway was first studied in the early 1990s. Potential alternatives were presented at public hearings and workshops in late 1992. A preferred alternative was selected in 1993. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Western Section was approved, and final designs were presented at a public hearing in 1996. Right of way acquisition began in 1996, but was put on hold in 1999 when a lawsuit was brought against the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and NCDOT regarding the FEIS.

In 2001, NCDOT began work on a combined environmental impact statement for the three sections of the beltway (Western, Eastern, and Eastern Extension). In January 2007, a combined FEIS (Eastern Section and Extension) and Supplemental FEIS (Western Section) was approved.

The R-2247 corridor was protected in October 1997. At that time all of the right-of-way was purchased for Project R-2247 Section CA and about 30% of the right-of-way was purchased for Project R-2247 Section CB. Since right of way acquisition was underway and construction was scheduled to begin, these sections were not included in the Protected Corridor.

A second lawsuit was filed in 2008 against the combined FEIS/SFEIS. In May 2010, a judge ruled in favor of NCDOT, and both lawsuits were dismissed. The three sections of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway were reprioritized in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2012-2020 STIP includes funding for the Sections B and G of the Eastern Section (Project U-2579). The other sections were not funded. The schedule for the remaining projects, including the Western Section, will be re-evaluated in the next project cycle.

TRAFFIC NOISE SUMMARY

The NCDOT Traffic Abatement Policy contains provisions that limit state and federal responsibilities for traffic noise reduction to locations where development existed, or for which building permits were issued, on or before the "Date of Public Knowledge." The "Date of Public Knowledge" of a proposed highway project is the approval date of the final environmental document, which for this project is the Federal Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD was completed and signed on February 15, 2008.

1. After this date, the federal and state governments are no longer responsible for providing noise abatement measures for new development within the noise impact area of the proposed highway project.
2. The criteria (i.e., trigger date) for determining when undeveloped land is "planned, designed and programmed" for development will be the approval date of a building permit for an individual lot or site.
3. It is the responsibility of local governments and private landowners to ensure that noise-compatible designs are used for development permitted after the Date of Public Knowledge.

Therefore, noise reduction measures, such as noise walls, will only be considered along the Winston-Salem Northern Bypass for buildings permitted before February 15, 2008. Once a final determination is made on the location of any noise barriers during final design, NCDOT will contact all property owners and tenants who are expected to receive at least 5 decibels noise reduction due to a proposed barrier. Each owner and/or tenant will be provided a ballot so they can vote their preference for or against a noise wall. Proposed noise barriers will be constructed unless a simple majority vote by these property owners/tenants indicates they *do not* prefer noise wall construction.

In the areas in the Western Section of the bypass that have modifications to the Protected Corridor (as shown on Rolls 1, 2, 3, and 5 at tonight's meeting), NCDOT has identified one noise study area. NCDOT has determined that the neighborhoods along US 421 between Lewisville-Clemmons Road and Braehill Road may qualify for noise reduction measures, such as a noise wall. This area is shown on Roll 2 of the hearing map.

More information about noise walls and other potential noise abatement measures is available in the **Answering Your Questions About Highway Traffic Noise** brochure at the sign-in table or at the Federal Highway Administration's website, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/noise.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Length: 4.9 miles (Sections CA & CB)

Right of Way: Total width – about 340 feet for roadway, wider at interchanges

Access Control: Winston-Salem Northern Beltway – full control of access
(Access provided by interchange only; no driveway access)

Project Costs:

	R-2247B	R-2247CA	R-2247CB	R-2247EA
R.O.W Cost	\$16,624,000	\$650,000	\$7,750,000	\$6,200,000
Construction Cost	\$51,200,000	\$44,800,000	\$38,700,000	\$32,600,000
Total Cost	\$67,824,000	\$45,450,000	\$46,450,000	\$38,800,000

Current Schedule: Right of way acquisition and construction are unfunded in the 2012-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Many factors affect the project schedule, which is tentative and subject to change.

RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCEDURES

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 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.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

If you are a relocatee, that is, if your residence or business is to be acquired as part of the project, additional assistance in the form of advice and compensation is available. You will also be provided with assistance on locations of comparable housing and/or commercial establishments, moving procedures, and moving aid. Moving expenses may be paid for you. Additional monetary compensation is available to help homeowners cope with mortgage increases, increased value of comparable homes, closing costs, etc. A similar program is available to assist business owners. The Right-of-Way Agent can explain this assistance in greater detail.

NOTE: PAMPHLETS SUMMARIZING RIGHT OF WAY AND RELOCATION PROCEDURES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE



Winston-Salem Northern Beltway

Project R-2247, Project U-2579, and Project U-2579A

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Legend

- Freeway/Expressway
- Major Thoroughfare
- Minor Thoroughfare
- Railroad
- County Line

Preferred Alternatives

- Project U-2579A
- Project U-2579
- Project R-2247

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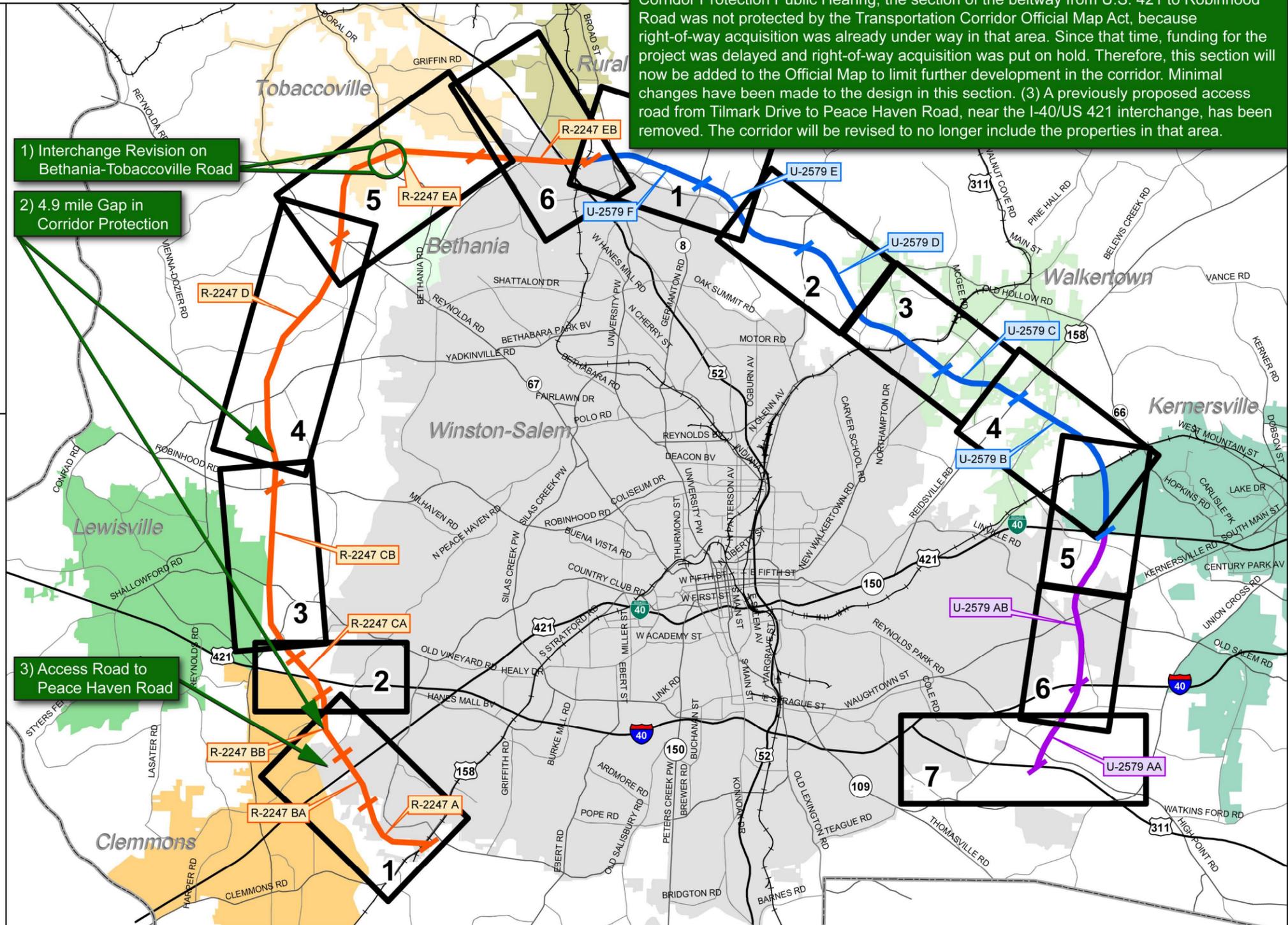
Schedule

Project U-2579A
AA, AB - Right of Way and Construction: Post Year*

Project U-2579
B - Right of Way: 2012
Construction: Fiscal Year 2014
C, D, E, F - Right of Way and Construction: Post Year*
G (Replacement of Hastings Hill Road Bridge over US 421) - Let in October 2012, under construction

Project R-2247
B, CA, CB, D, EA, EB, F - Right of Way and Construction: Post Year*

*Unfunded in 2012-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program



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.

Meeting Type: Transportation Corridor Official Map Act Public Hearing	Date: June 25, 2013
Location: West Forsyth High School, Clemmons	
STIP No.: R-2247	
Project Description: Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Western Section	

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

Zip Code: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Street Name: (i.e. Main Street) _____	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
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	Have a Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Race/Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____	National Origin: (if born outside the U.S.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Central American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> South American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

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For more information regarding Title VI or this request, please contact the NCDOT Title VI Section at (919) 508-1808 or toll free at 1-800-522-0453, or by email at slipscomb@ncdot.gov.

Thank you for your participation!



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