

PROPOSED N.C. 108 (WEST MILLS STREET) IMPROVEMENTS
FROM ST. LUKE'S PARKWAY TO WALKER STREET (S.R. 1137)
IN COLUMBUS

North Carolina Department of Transportation STIP Project No. I-4729B

Public Meeting Handout



Tuesday, May 22

4 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Isothermal Community College Polk Center Auditorium

Welcome!

Your Role at Tonight's Meeting

Ask Questions- NCDOT staff and consultant project team members are on-hand and ready to answer your questions.

Provide Your Input- A comment sheet is included in this handout. We would appreciate your thoughts about the project. Comments that we receive will help us understand the needs of the community and will help guide further development of the designs. You can complete the comment sheet tonight or return your comments by U.S. mail or by email. Comments are due by **June 22, 2018**.

Project Description

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to construct improvements to N.C. 108 (West Mills Street) from St. Luke's Parkway to Walker Street (S.R. 1137) in the Town of Columbus, Polk County. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and pedestrian and bicycle access.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project No. I-4729B proposes to widen N.C. 108 to three lanes with curb and gutter. The two outside travel lanes are proposed to be widened to 14 feet to provide better operations and accommodate bicycle travel. A 12-foot center turn lane is proposed to provide accommodations for left-turning vehicles, as well as improve traffic flow for through traffic. The existing bridge over I-26 is proposed to be replaced on new location, and the two traffic roundabouts at each end of the bridge would be widened to two lanes. Sidewalks are proposed to be added along both sides, extending through the roundabouts and across the bridge over I-26. Traffic is expected to be maintained throughout the construction period, and an offsite detour would not be required.

The estimated project costs for STIP Project No. I-4729B are shown below:

- Right-of-Way Acquisition \$1M
- Construction and Engineering \$7.7M

**Source: NCDOT 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program.*

***Note: Cost estimates are subject to change.*

The first phase of this project, STIP Project No. I-4729A is currently under construction and expected to be completed in Fall 2018. STIP Project No. I-4729A was designed to improve the I-26/U.S. 74 interchange. The design and planning for the two projects has been coordinated together.

What Happens Next?

The Project Team will evaluate public comments received following the public meeting, along with input from agencies and other stakeholders. This information will be used to refine the project designs where appropriate and feasible. After the designs are finalized, NCDOT right-of-way agents will begin to contact property owners impacted by the proposed designs. The process to begin purchasing the additional right-of-way needed for this project is scheduled to begin in Spring 2019. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2021 and is anticipated to take 24 months.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the NCDOT or consultant Project Engineer if you questions about the project.

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Project Timeline*

June 2017 through May 2018-

Conduct field work and studies, develop preliminary project designs, summarize costs and impacts, prepare draft environmental document

May 22, 2018- Public Meeting

May through June 2018- Evaluate *public* comments, refine project designs as appropriate

November 2018- Signed environmental document anticipated

March 2019- Right-of-way acquisition begins

January 2021- Construction begins

** Future dates are preliminary and subject to change.*

Information about this project can be found online at:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>

Right-of-Way Procedures

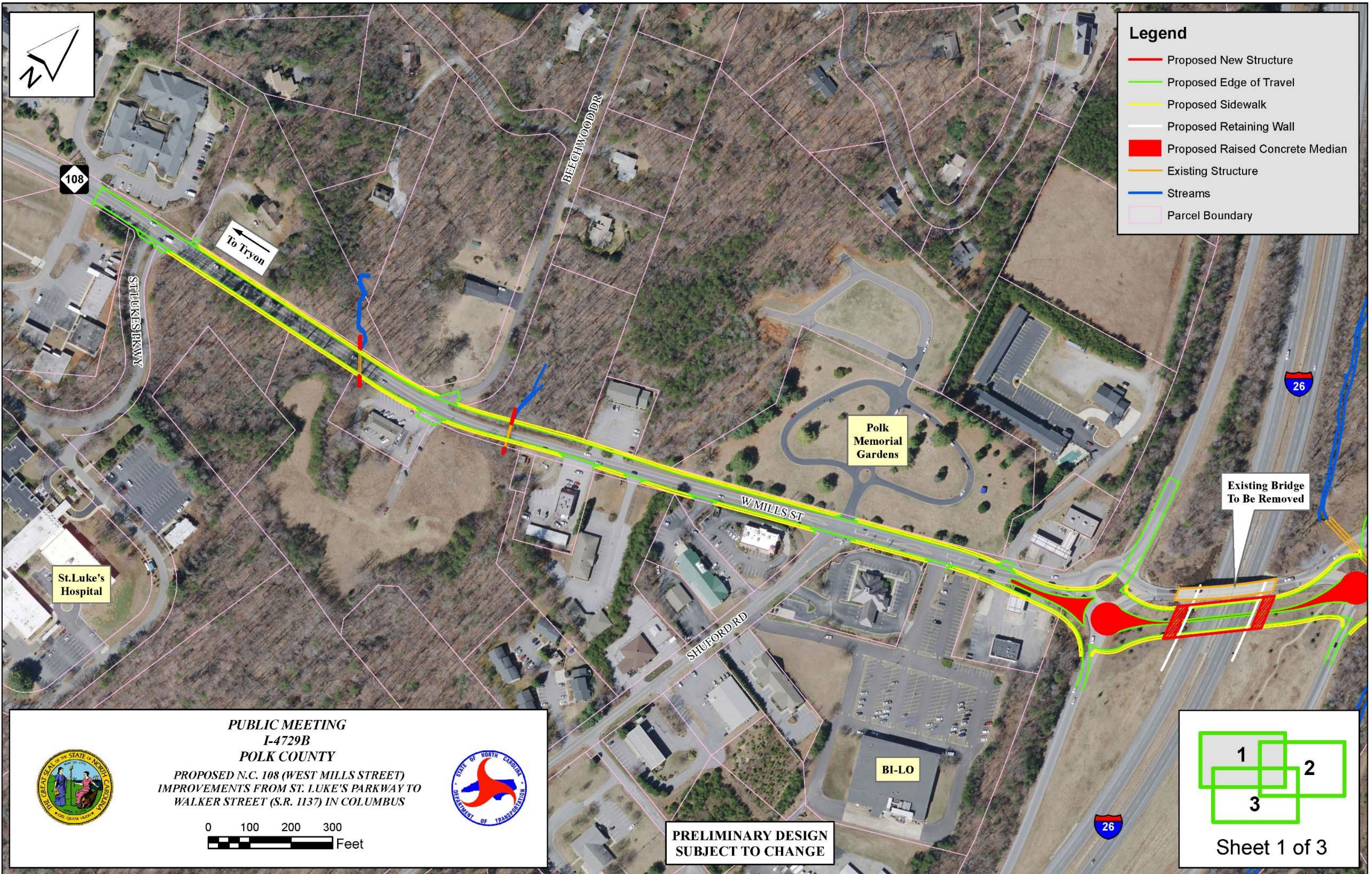
After decisions are made regarding the final design, the proposed right-of-way limits will be staked in the ground. If you are an affected property owner, a NCDOT Right-of-Way Agent will contact you and arrange a meeting. The agent will explain the plans and advise you as to how the project will affect 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:

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

Relocation Assistance

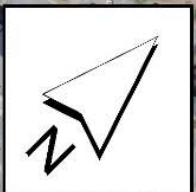
If you are a relocatee, that is, if your residence or business is to be acquired as part of the project, additional assistance in the form of advice and compensation is available. You will also be provided with assistance regarding locations of comparable housing and/or commercial establishments, moving 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.

Pamphlets are available at the sign-in table. And, information about the right-of-way process can also be found here: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/ROW/Pages/ROW-Support.aspx> .



Legend

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- Proposed Edge of Travel
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Retaining Wall
- █ Proposed Raised Concrete Median
- Existing Structure
- Streams
- Parcel Boundary



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To Tryon

ST. LUKE'S PKWY

BEECHWOOD DR

Polk Memorial Gardens

W MILLS ST

Existing Bridge To Be Removed



St. Luke's Hospital

SHUFORD RD

BI-LO

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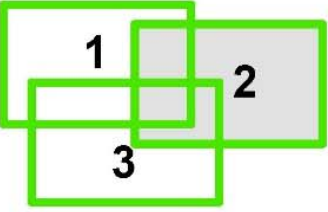
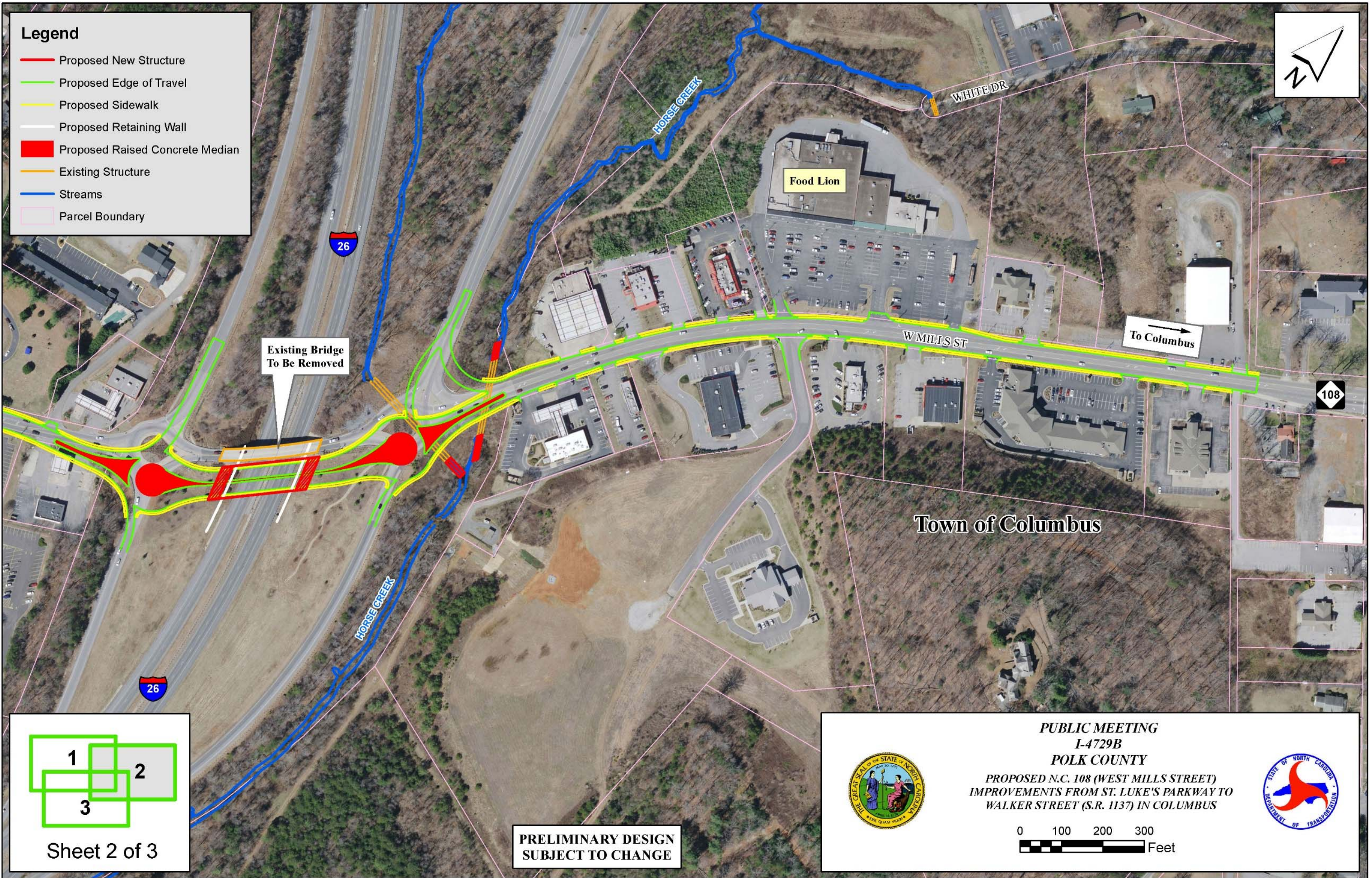
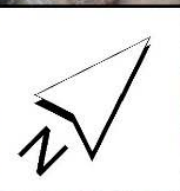
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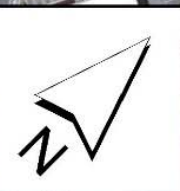
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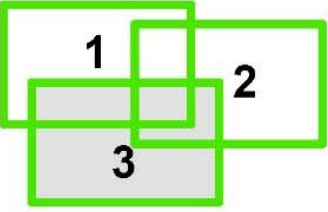
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TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORM

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

Meeting Type: Public Meeting	Date: May 22, 2018
Location: Isothermal Community College Polk Center Auditorium	
STIP No.: I-4729B	
Project Description: PROPOSED N.C. 108 (WEST MILLS STREET) IMPROVEMENTS FROM ST. LUKE'S PARKWAY TO WALKER STREET (S.R. 1137) IN COLUMBUS	

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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: _____	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"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <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"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

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

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Comment Form

Please Print

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone/ E-mail address: _____

The purpose of tonight's Public Meeting is for the public to come together collectively to share thoughts and information regarding the proposed N.C. 108 (West Mills Street) improvements. NCDOT staff and project team members are here to answer questions and hear your thoughts and/or concerns about this project. Please complete this comment sheet, and either return it today to the comment table, or return by mail/e-mail no later than **June 22, 2018**.

1. Was the information presented clear (meeting format, etc.)? If not, what information was confusing? Do you have any suggestions on how we can make improvements to make it clearer?

2. Do you have comments related the proposed project design or schedule? Please provide detailed information.

Please return this sheet to the comment table at tonight's meeting, or fold in half and return by mail, or provide comments via email to: I4729B@threeoaksengineering.com

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