



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SWEETEN CREEK ROAD (U.S. 25A)
FROM HENDERSONVILLE ROAD (U.S. 25) TO ROCK HILL ROAD (S.R. 3081)
IN ASHEVILLE



Public Meeting Handout

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 4-7 p.m.

Welcome!

Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

Present Project Information and Obtain Feedback- The meeting will follow an informal, drop-in style meeting format with project maps and information on display for public viewing. Comments received at the meeting, and sent in afterwards, will be taken into consideration as the project team further develop the project, refine the designs, and determine a recommended alignment alternative.

The maps on display tonight

represent proposed improvements to Sweeten Creek Road, and also show the project study area and an area of potential impact associated with the roadway concepts.

Please note that these proposed improvements are subject to change based on public input and additional data that will be gathered in the coming months. Modifications to the proposed improvements may change the area of potential impacts.

Your Role at the Meeting

Sign In- Please sign in at the registration table and provide your contact information to receive future mailings. We will include a summary of today's meeting with the number of attendees in the project record.

View Maps and Ask Questions- NCDOT staff, City of Asheville 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 (see mailing address/email address on attached comment sheet). Comments are due by **December 13, 2018**.

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State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Number U-2801A

Project Description

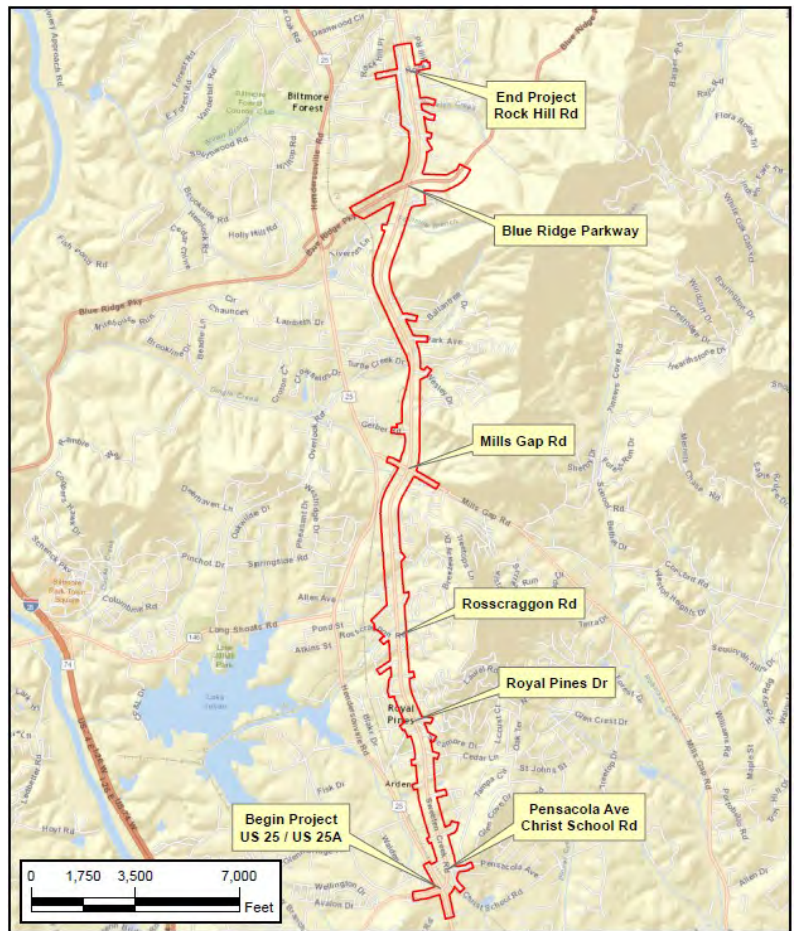
The N.C. Department of Transportation, in partnership with the City of Asheville, proposes to widen Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25A) to a four-lane, median divided road with a 10-foot multi-use path on one side and a 5-foot sidewalk on the other, from Hendersonville Road (U.S. 25) to Rock Hill Road (S.R. 3081). The majority of the project is located in Asheville, with portions of the project located in unincorporated areas of Buncombe County.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion and improve traffic flow within the project limits.

Widening Alternatives

The project team, in coordination with the City of Asheville, has developed a proposed roadway / multi-use corridor to accommodate both motorized vehicles as well as bicycles and pedestrians.

A combination of east side and west side widening alternatives are being considered to minimize impacts to residential communities, churches, businesses, historic properties, as well as wetlands and streams including Sweeten Creek. The maps on display show an area of potential impact for east side widening and west side widening.



Estimated Project Costs**

STIP No. U-2801A	
ROW + Utility	\$7.2 Million
Construction	\$20.1 Million
Total	\$27.3 Million

**Source: NCDOT 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program. Note that cost estimates are subject to change.

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 have been refined, NCDOT will complete the environmental document and will hold a second public meeting to present the recommended alignment alternative to the public. After which, 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 Fall 2020. Construction is scheduled to begin in Fall 2022.

Pamphlets providing information on NCDOT's Right of Way Procedures and Relocation Assistance will be provided at the public meeting. Information about the right-of-way process can also be found here: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/ROW/Pages/ROW-Support.aspx>

Project Timeline*

Fall 2016 through Fall 2018—Conduct field work and studies, develop preliminary project designs, summarize costs and impacts, prepare draft environmental document

November 2018—1st Public Meeting

Winter 2019— Refine project designs, evaluate impacts

Summer 2019— Signed environmental document

Late Summer 2019— 2nd Public Meeting for Recommended Alignment Alternative

Fall 2020- Right-of-way acquisition begins

Fall 2022- Construction begins

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

How to Stay Involved

Information about the Sweeten Creek Road Improvements can be found on-line on the project website at:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/sweeten-creek-road/>



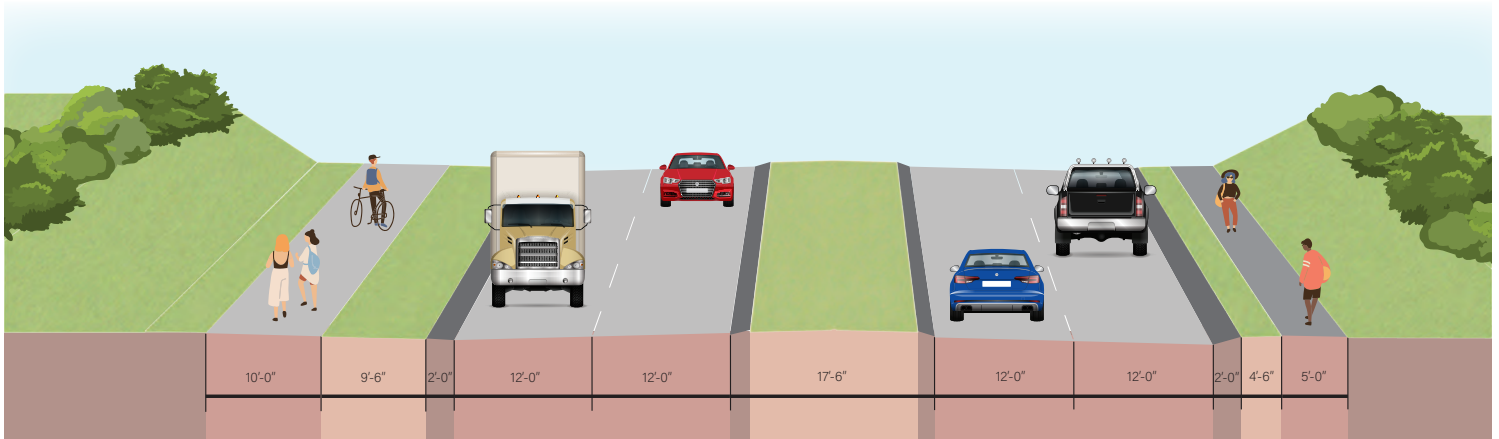
Project updates will be provided on the project page including a summary of comments received following tonight's meeting. Please feel free to contact the NCDOT Project Manager or consultant Project Engineer if you have questions about the project.

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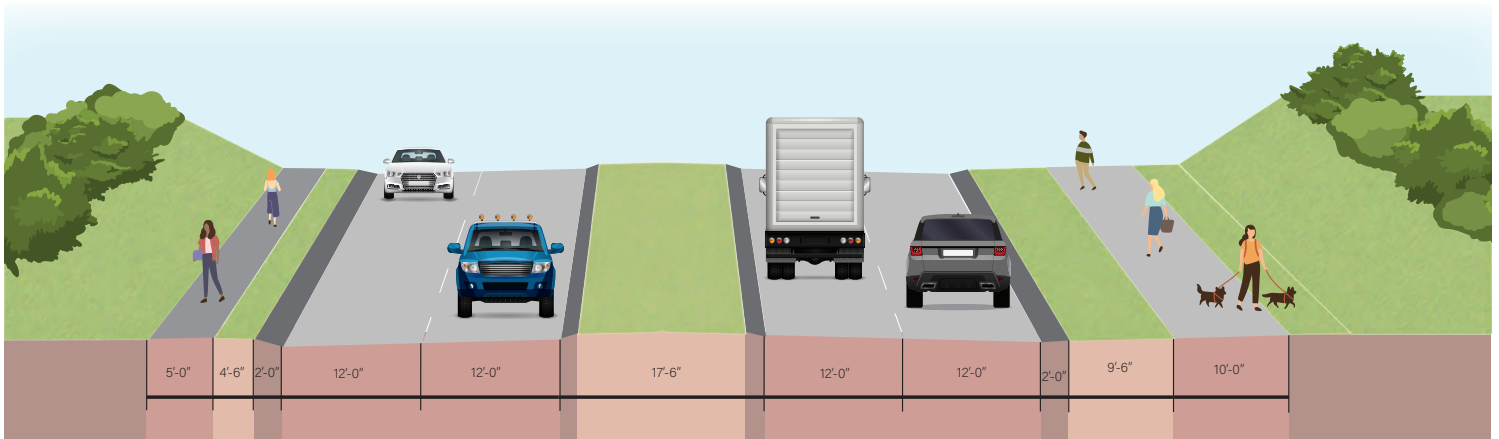
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Information about this meeting can be found online at: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>

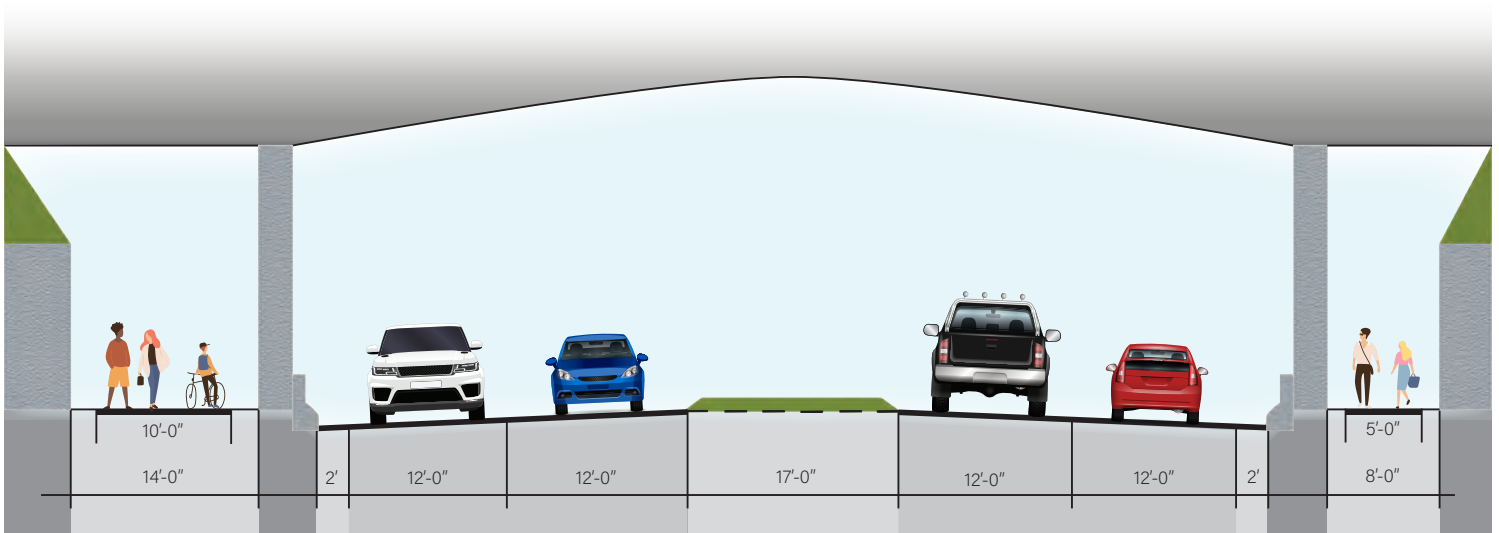
or on the project's website at <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/sweeten-creek-road/>



Sweeten Creek Road (North of Mills Gap)



Sweeten Creek Road (South of Mills Gap)



Sweeten Creek Road (Under Parkway Bridge)

EAST WIDENING CONCEPT

CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT MAP
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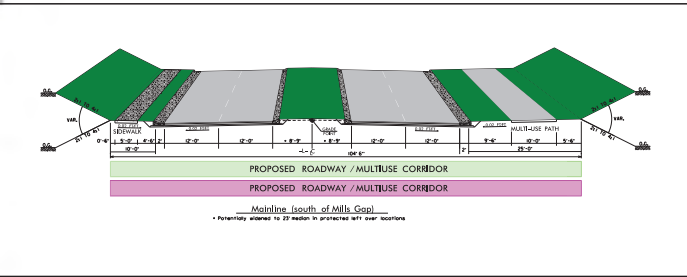
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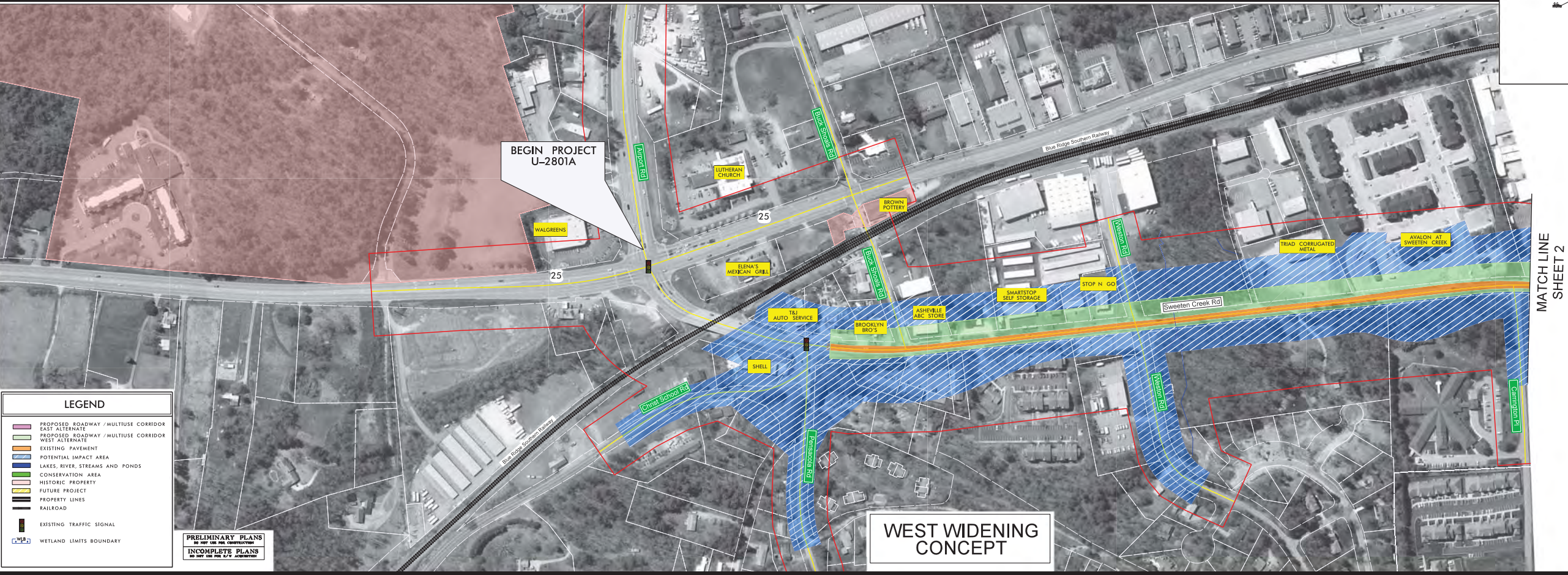
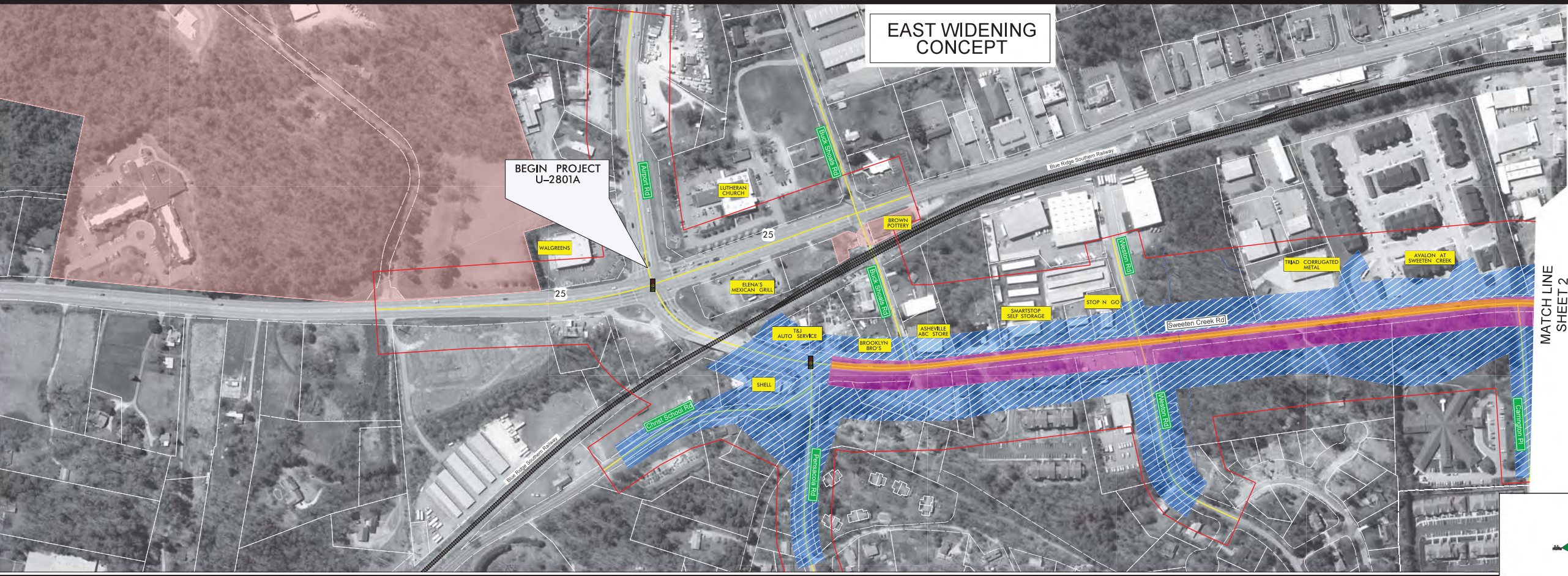


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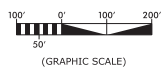
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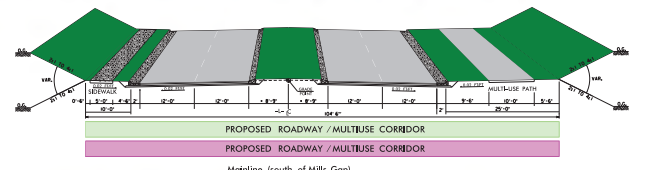
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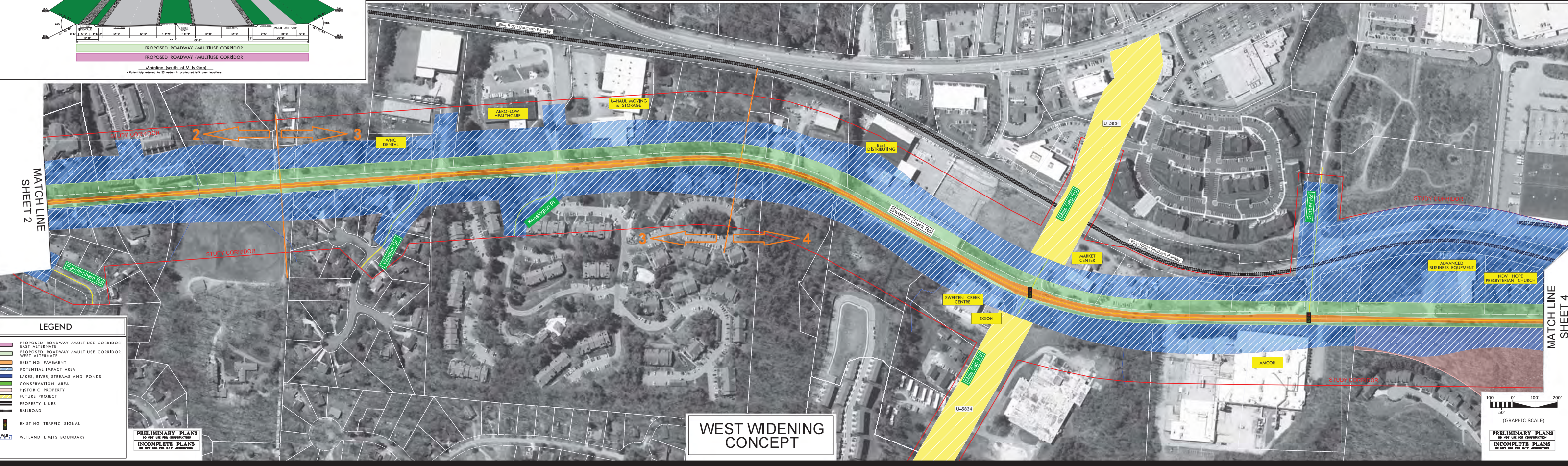
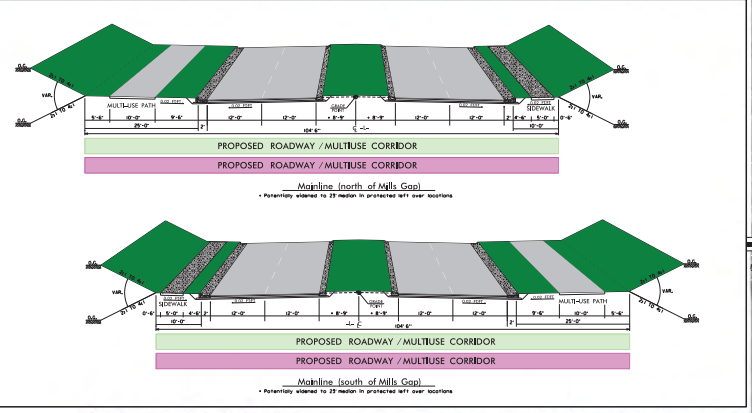
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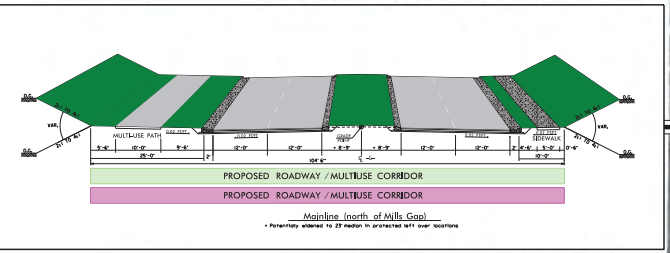
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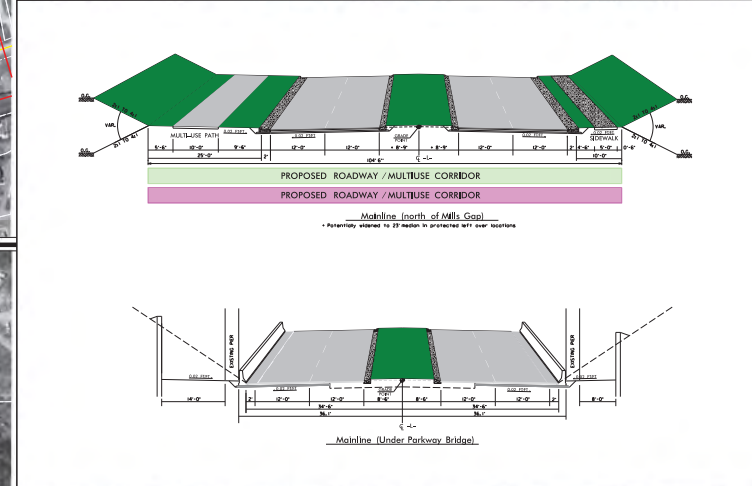
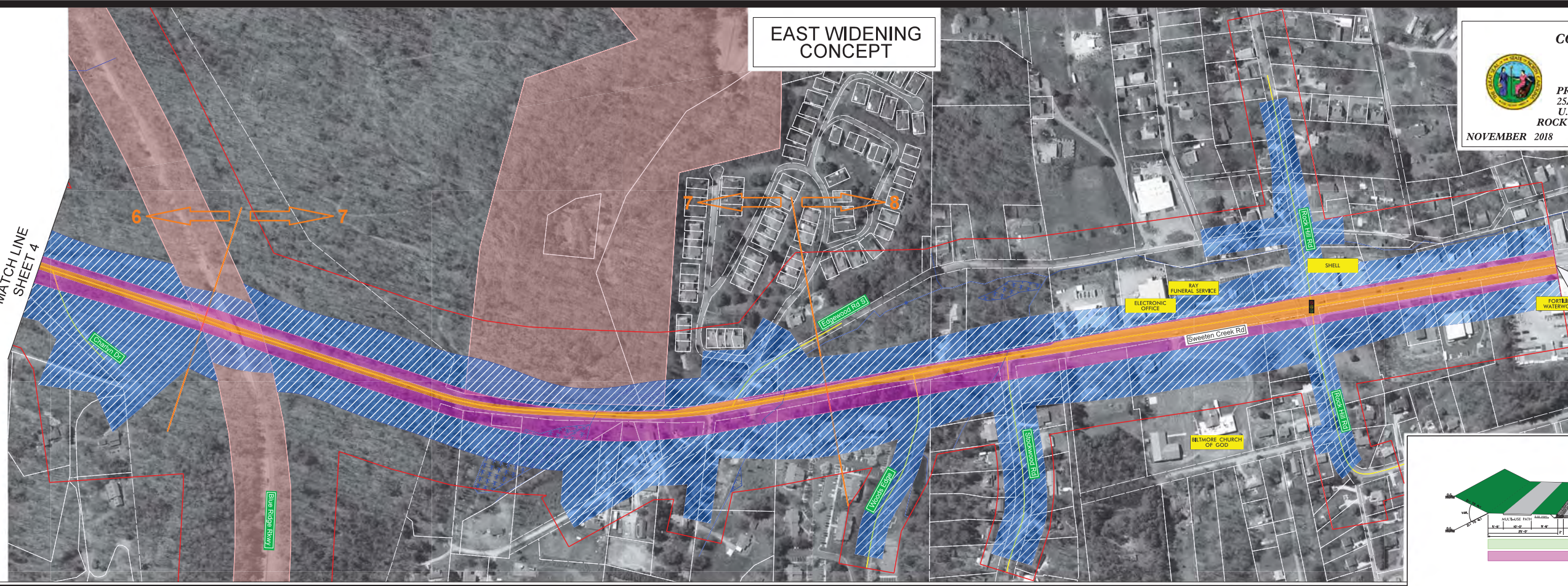
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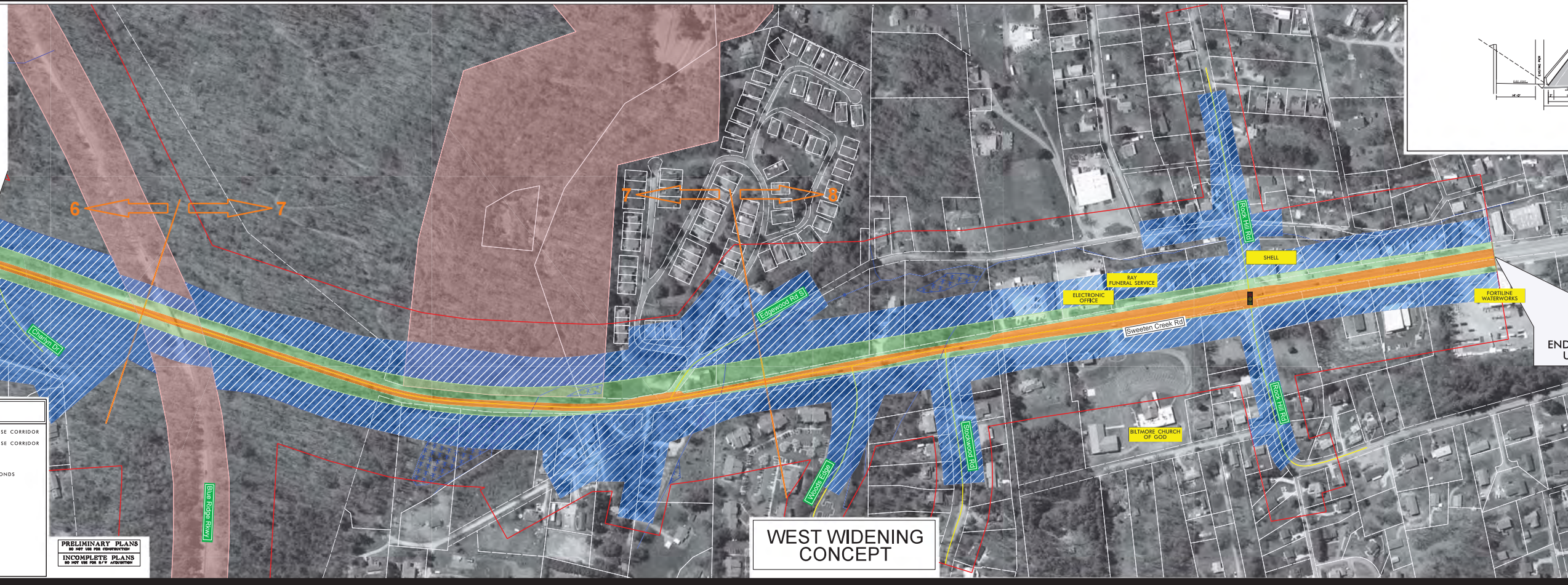
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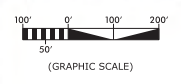
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Meeting Type: Public Meeting	Date: November 13, 2018
Location: Arden Presbyterian Church, Arden NC	
TIP No.: U-2801A	
Project Description: Proposed Improvements to Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25A) from Hendersonville Road (U.S. 25) to Rock Hill Road (S.R. 3081) in Asheville, North Carolina	

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Comment Form

(Please Print)

Name/ Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone/ E-mail address: _____

Would you like to be added to the project mailing list? Yes No

How did you hear about the meeting? (Please check all that apply)

Postcard Newsletter Family/Friend Other: _____

Please share your thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed improvements to Sweeten Creek Road. You may return your comments today at the comment table, or return by mail/e-mail to the address listed at the bottom of this form. Comments are due by **December 13, 2018**.

1. Was the information presented at tonight’s meeting clear? Could you understand the maps? Do you have any suggestions for making improvements?

2. Do you have general comments about the purpose of the proposed improvements to Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25A) between Hendersonville Road (U.S. 25) and Rock Hill Road (S.R. 3081)?

3. Please provide any comments or concerns you have for widening to the west or to the east for each of the following eight sections of Sweeten Creek Road.

Section 1 —Rock Hill Road to north of Cimarron Drive.

Section 2 — North of Cimarron Drive to south of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Section 3 —South of the Blue Ridge Parkway to north of Hollybrook Drive.

Section 4 — North of Hollybrook Drive to south of Wesley Drive.

Section 5 — South of Wesley Drive to south of Mills Gap Road.

Section 6 — South of Mills Gap Road to south of Windsor Drive.

Section 7 — South of Windsor Drive to south of Cedar Lane.

Section 8—South of Cedar Ln. to the bridge over the Blue Ridge Railroad.

Please return this sheet to the comment table at tonight’s meeting, or provide comments via email to:

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Comments can also be mailed to:

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