

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch



US 158 (REIDSVILLE ROAD)
FROM MULTI-LANES NORTH OF I-40 BUS. / US 421 / NC 150
IN FORSYTH COUNTY TO US 220 IN GUILFORD COUNTY

STOKESDALE, GUILFORD COUNTY
TIP PROJECT R-2577

CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
APRIL 25, 2006

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US 158 (REIDSVILLE ROAD) PROPOSED WIDENING
FROM MULTI-LANES NORTH OF I-40 BUS. / US 421 / NC 150
IN FORSYTH COUNTY TO US 220 IN GUILFORD COUNTY
STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT
TIP PROJECT R-2577
WBS: 37405

PURPOSE OF THE CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to involve the public in the project development process and to present the alternates under consideration for the US 158 (Reidsville Road) widening project. If you have comments or suggestions about the proposed improvements described in this handout, please inform a representative of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Please use the enclosed comment sheet to express your concerns or suggestions.

NCDOT realizes individuals living close to a proposed project want to be informed of the possible effects of the project on their homes and businesses. However, exact information is not available at this stage of the project development process. For example, design work is necessary before the actual right of way limits can be established. This type of detailed information will be available at a later date. The purpose of this workshop is to receive your comments and suggestions *before* final design decisions are made.

Written comments on this project may be left with NCDOT representatives at the workshop or mailed to NCDOT. If additional information is needed or you would like to submit comments after the workshop, please address requests and comments to:

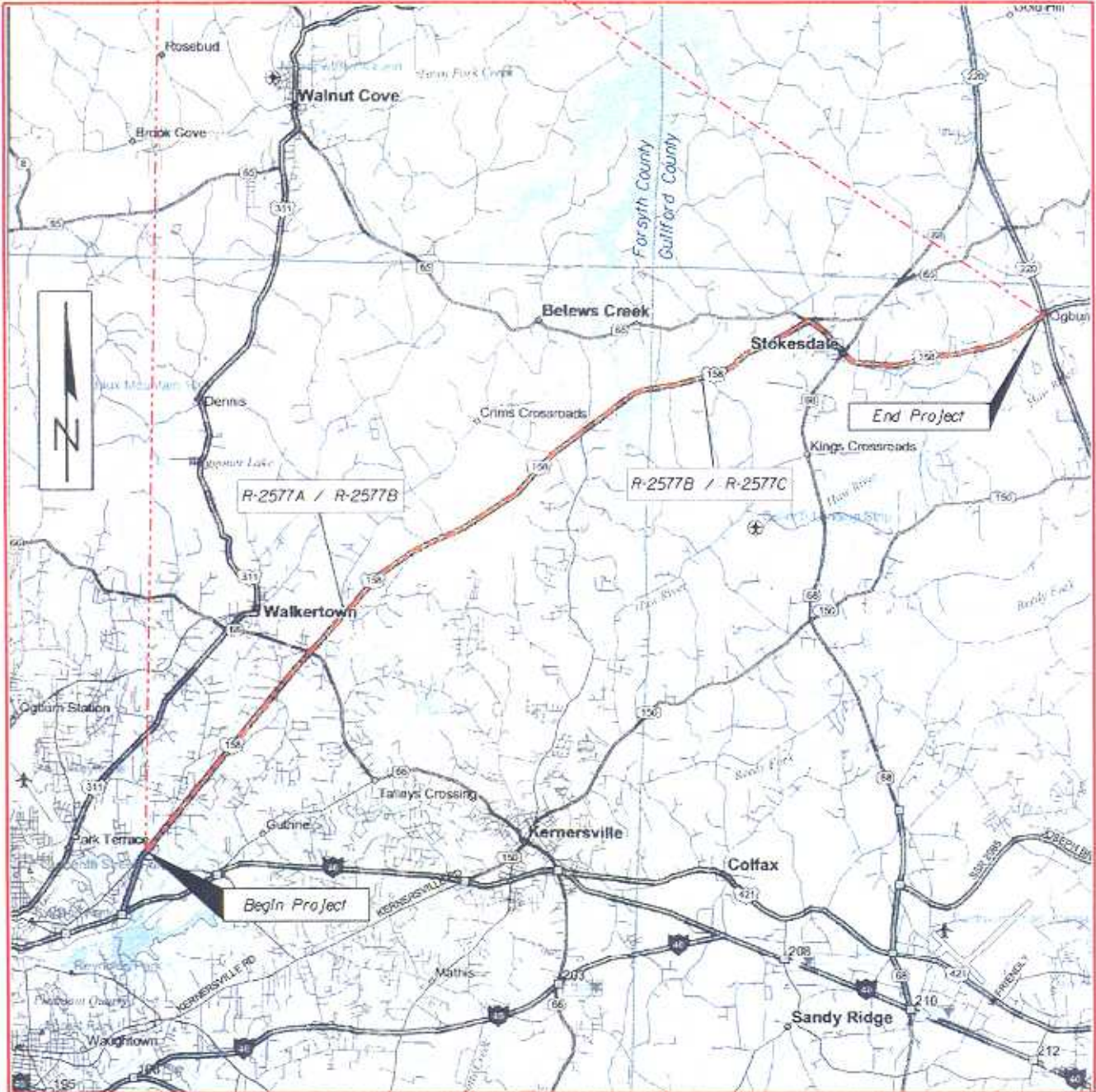
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Project Location Map: R-2577
US 158 (Reidsville Road) Widening Project
Forsyth County and Guilford County, NC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to widen US 158 (Reidsville Road) to a multi-lane facility, from multi-lanes north of I-40 Bus. / US 421 / NC 150 in Forsyth County to US 220 in Guilford County. This project is approximately 18.8 miles in length and will be constructed in three sections. Project R-2577A begins at multi-lanes north of I-40 Bus. / US 421 / NC 150 and ends at SR 1965 (Belews Creek Road) in Forsyth County. Project R-2577B begins at SR 1965 (Belews Creek Road) in Forsyth County and ends north of SR 2034 (Anthony Rd) in Guilford County. Project R-2577C begins north of SR 2034 (Anthony Rd) and ends at US 220 in Guilford County. Project R-2577A is included in NCDOT 2006-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Several alternates are being considered for the US 158 widening project. The attached Project Location Map shows the general location of the proposed improvements. These improvements will consist of a four-lane median section of various widths. Study options will include symmetrical widening and an alternate that transitions between symmetrical and asymmetrical widening, called a "best fit" alternate. Asymmetrical widening will be used, as needed; to minimize impacts to the human and natural environment.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

NCDOT 2006-2012 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROJECT STAGE	TIP SCHEDULE	CURRENT COST
R-2577A RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION	Fiscal Year 2012*	\$ 7,800,000
R-2577A CONSTRUCTION	Fiscal Year 2014*	\$ 24,100,000
R-2577B RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION	Post Years**	\$ 6,800,000
R-2577B CONSTRUCTION	Post Years**	\$ 36,100,000
R-2577C RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION	Post Years**	\$ 4,800,000
R-2577C CONSTRUCTION	Post Years**	\$ 25,400,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$ 105,000,000

*The fiscal year begins in October and ends in September.

**Beyond the current TIP Schedule

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The proposed US 158 widening improvements are needed to:

- ❖ Improve the safety and traffic carrying capacity of the roadway.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- ❖ U-2579: Forsyth County: Northern Beltway, (Eastern Section), US 52 to US 421 / I-40 Bus. Partial construction scheduled in 2010, 2011, 2012 and Post Years.
- ❖ R-2580: Guilford-Rockingham Counties: US 158, widen to Multi-lanes, from US 220 to US 29 Business (Freeway Drive). Construction scheduled in Post Years.
- ❖ R-2413: Guilford-Rockingham Counties: US 220-NC 68 multi-lane connector on new location, from NC 68 to US 220 and US 220 widening to multi-lanes, from new location to NC 68. Partial construction scheduled for 2008 and 2012.

- ❖ R-2309: Guilford County: US 220, widen to multi-lanes, from SR 2182 (Horsepen Creek Road) to US 220-NC 68 Connector. (R-2413). Construction scheduled for 2009.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

Currently, project development and environmental studies for the proposed project are in progress. NCDOT is asking for your cooperation by allowing personnel entry onto your property to compile environmental surveys. **An Environmental Assessment (EA) is scheduled for completion in January 2009.** The EA will address impacts the proposed roadway may have on the human and natural environment.

THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Project development and environmental studies are conducted in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NCDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US 158 (Reidsville Road) widening project.

The Environmental Assessment will discuss the purpose and need for the proposed improvements, evaluate alternatives, and analyze the project's impact on both the human and natural environment. The document will address the following areas of concern:

Efficiency and safety of travel
Neighborhoods and communities
Relocation of homes and businesses
Economy of project area
Historic properties and sites
Wetlands
Endangered species

Wildlife and plant communities
Water quality
Floodplains
Farmland and land use plans of project area
Hazardous materials (underground tanks etc.)
Traffic noise
Air quality

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

NCDOT provides a number of opportunities for citizen and interest group participation during project development. Some of these opportunities are listed below:

SCOPING LETTER

Published in the N.C. Environmental Bulletin. This letter notifies agencies and groups on the State Clearinghouse mailing list that a project study has been initiated and solicits comments from them.

CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

This is an informal workshop with the public. NCDOT representatives are available to discuss the project one-on-one with citizens. Workshop handouts provide citizens with project information. Comment sheets are also available to convey questions, comments, and concerns. The number of workshops scheduled for a project depends on the scope and anticipated impact of the project.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION

Copies of the environmental document are submitted to the State Clearinghouse for distribution and a notice is published in the N.C. Environmental Bulletin. Upon request, NCDOT will provide copies of the document to the public. Copies are available for public viewing at NCDOT Raleigh and Division offices; the State Clearinghouse office; local government offices, including the local council of government office; and local public libraries.

PUBLIC HEARING

One or more formal public hearings for the public record are held. The hearing format typically involves a short presentation followed by an opportunity for citizens to comment.

CITIZEN LETTERS

Citizens are encouraged to write NCDOT, provide information, and express concerns regarding the proposed improvements. Correspondence from citizens and interest groups is considered during the course of the study.

COMMENT SHEET

**US 158 (REIDSVILLE ROAD) WIDENING
GUILFORD COUNTY
TIP NO. R-2577**

April 25, 2006

NAME _____
(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____
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COMMENTS _____

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