



Widen Amboy Road/Meadow Road (S.R. 3556) to multi-lanes from I-240 to NC 81/ Biltmore Avenue (S.R. 3214) with a new bridge over the French Broad River, in Buncombe County

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Number U-4739



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 by the end of the comment period will be taken into consideration as the project team develops the project designs and determines the most appropriate typical section(s) for this corridor.

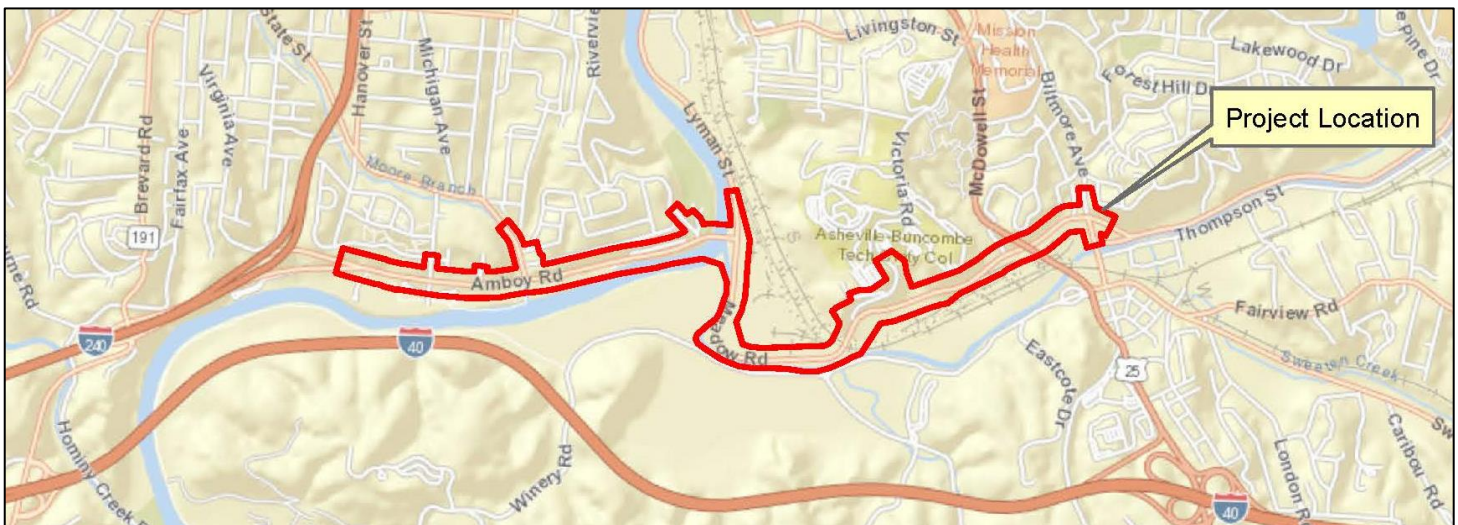
The images on display tonight show the overall study area boundary on an aerial photograph of the area and 3D artist renderings of the potential typical sections and their features. As additional mapping and visualizations become available, they will be posted to the project website.

Your Role at the Meeting

View Maps and Ask Questions – NCDOT staff, consultant project team members, City of Asheville, and French Broad River MPO staff 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, the desired use and function of this corridor, and the most appropriate typical section(s) for this project. Public input will also 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 addresses on attached comment sheet). Comments are due by **April 26, 2019**.



Project Description

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to widen Amboy Road/Meadow Road (S.R. 3556) to multi-lanes from I-240 to NC 81/Biltmore Avenue (S.R. 3214), a distance of approximately 2.6 miles. In addition, the project would construct a new bridge over the French Broad River.

The purpose of the project is to address operational and capacity deficiencies at the intersections along Amboy Road/Meadow Road (S.R. 3556) within the project limits (which currently operate at Level of Service [LOS] F) and to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along the project corridor. The Amboy Road/Meadow Road corridor is classified as a Minor Arterial with posted speed limits varying from 35 MPH to 45 MPH. Proposed improvements being considered include upgrading the intersections as well as installing multi-modal transit accommodations in the form of bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and/or a multi-use path. A raised median may be added to improve access management and possible center turn lanes where feasible. Constraints within the corridor that will influence designs include railroad right of way, natural resources, public park land, existing development, and terrain. During construction, traffic will be maintained on-site.

Typical Sections Options

The roadway typical cross sections presented tonight have been developed in coordination with the NCDOT, the City of Asheville, and the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). These typical sections seek to provide multi-modal accommodations while taking into consideration the environmental and existing development constraints of the corridor. The typical section of the City of Asheville's planned Lyman Street improvement project was also considered. Although specific roadway features (sidewalk on the north vs. south side, on-road bicycle lanes vs. multi-use path, curb and gutter drainage, etc.) have been included in specific places within the typical sections presented tonight, NCDOT is open to variations on all of the presented typical sections and would like to hear your feedback. In addition, please keep in mind that the same typical section may not be used for the entire project. Instead, different typical sections may be used for different sections of the corridor, so that the overall project is developed using a "context-sensitive" design approach.

Intersection Treatments Options

- Option 1:** *Install traffic signals at major intersections*
- Option 2:** *Install roundabouts at major intersections*

As you review the meeting materials and consider these options, please feel free to provide input on what you believe to be the more appropriate treatment for the intersections along this corridor.

Bridge Replacement Options

The existing bridge that carries Amboy Road over the French Broad River will be replaced as part of this project. The bridge is located between the Lyman Street/Amboy Road/Meadow Road intersection to the east and the French Broad River Park to the west.


Initial design considerations propose to replace this bridge on new location, just south of the existing bridge, to avoid impacting the French Broad River Park located on the north side of the existing bridge.

Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be incorporated into the new bridge design in order to provide multi-modal connectivity across the French Broad River.

Because the French Broad River is also a popular recreational feature, NCDOT will develop a River Safety Plan, to be implemented during the construction phase of this project, that ensures the continued, safe use of the river.

Project Timeline *

Spring 2018 through Spring 2019 - Conduct field work and studies, develop preliminary project designs, summarize costs and impacts

 **March 2019** - Public Meeting #1

Spring 2019 through Spring 2020 - Refine project designs, evaluate impacts, select preferred typical section, prepare draft environmental document

February 2020 – Public Meeting #2

May 2020 - Signed environmental document anticipated

Summer 2022- Right-of-way acquisition begins

Summer 2025- Construction begins

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

Estimated Project Costs *

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| Construction | \$34,500,000 |
| Right-of-Way | \$13,200,000 |
| Utilities | \$1,600,000 |
| Total Cost | \$49,300,000 |

**Source: NCDOT 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program.* Cost estimates are preliminary and will be updated as part of the final design process.

How to Stay Involved

NCDOT welcomes your comments on the proposed designs. All Comments regarding the project are due by **April 26, 2019** and may be submitted via phone, mail or e-mail to:

STIP Project No. U-4739
Three Oaks Engineering
324 Blackwell Street, Suite 1200
Durham, NC 27701
amboymeadow@publicinput.com

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

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What Happens Next?

The Project Team will evaluate public comments received following the comment period, along with input from agencies and other stakeholders. This information will be used to better understand the community's perspective and refine the project designs where appropriate and feasible. After the designs have been refined, and impacts evaluated, NCDOT will complete the environmental document and proceed with the final design.

As the project moves toward Final Design, NCDOT will look to further minimize impacts as much as possible. 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.

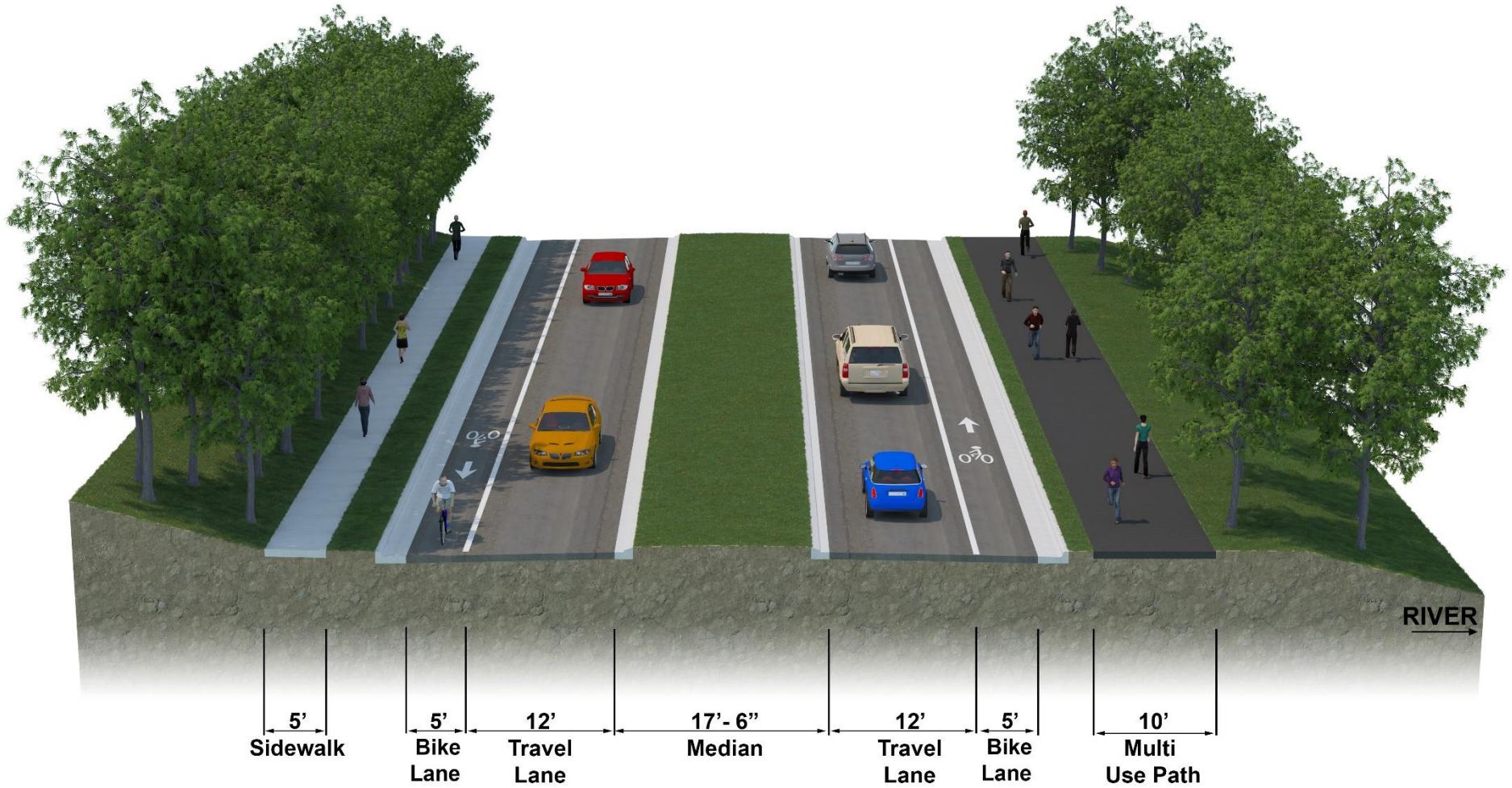
NOTE: Pamphlets summarizing right-of-way and relocation procedures are available at the Right-of-Way table and online at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/ROW/Pages/ROW-Support.aspx>

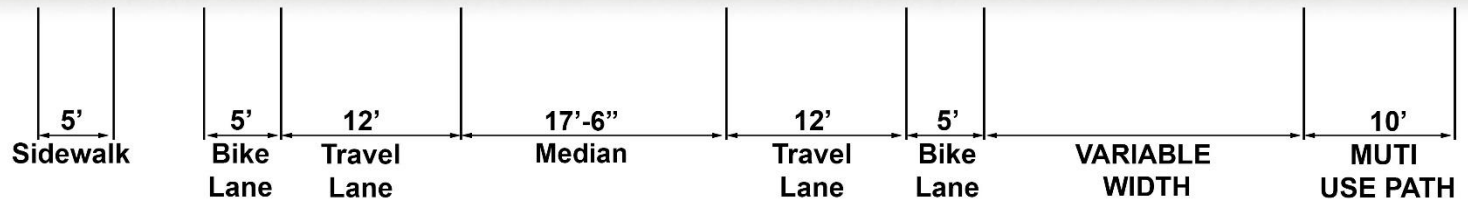
Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at:

<https://publicinput.com/4014> or <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>

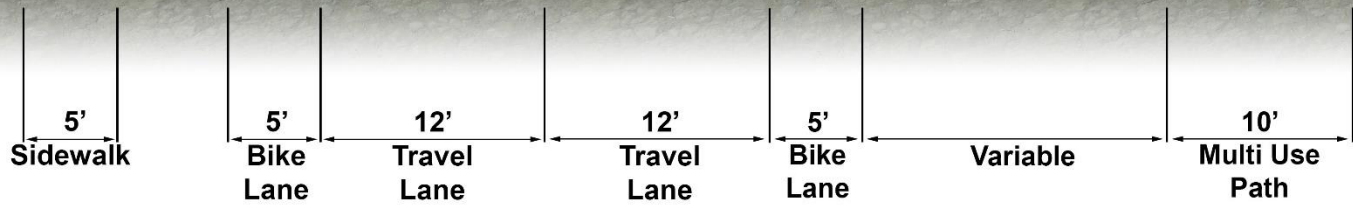
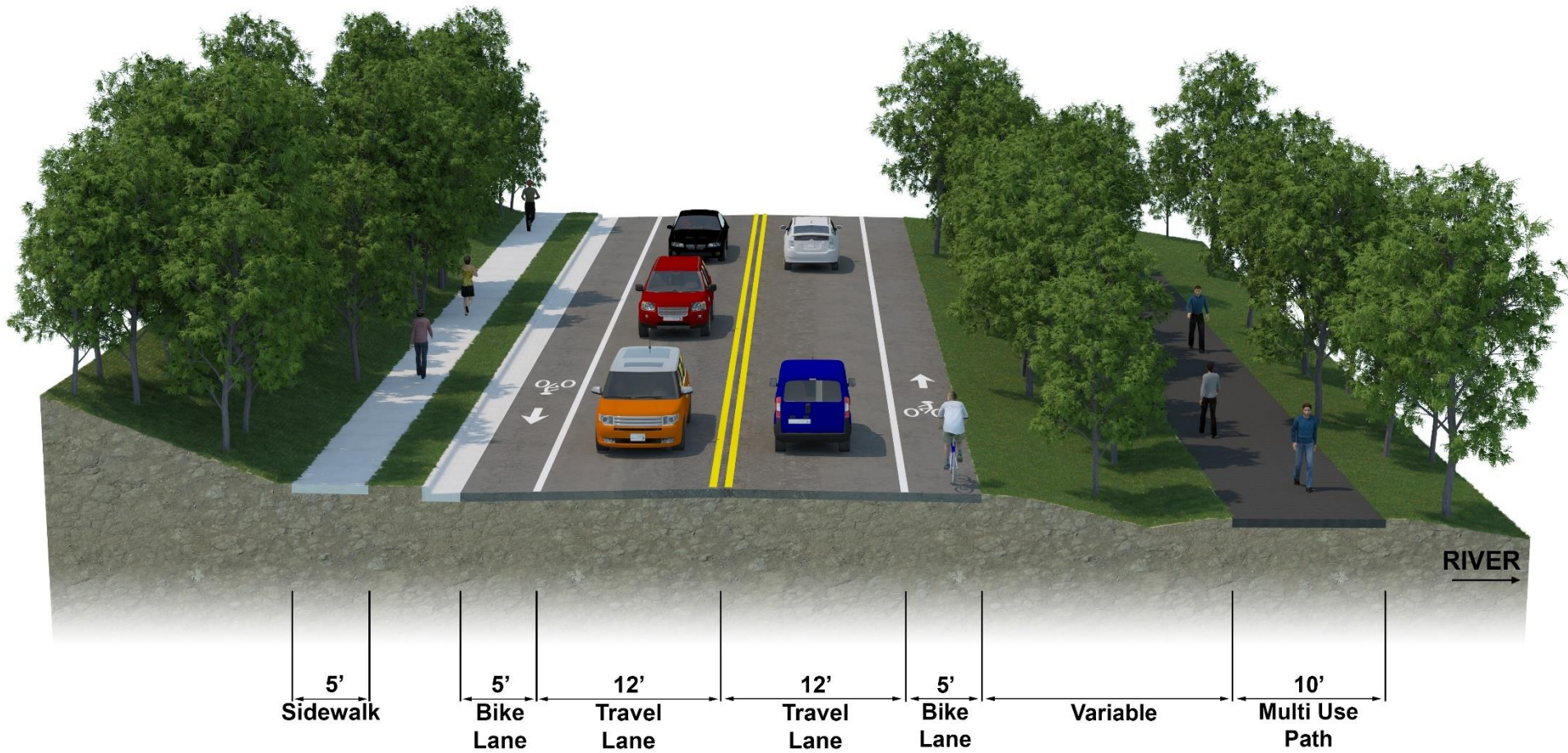




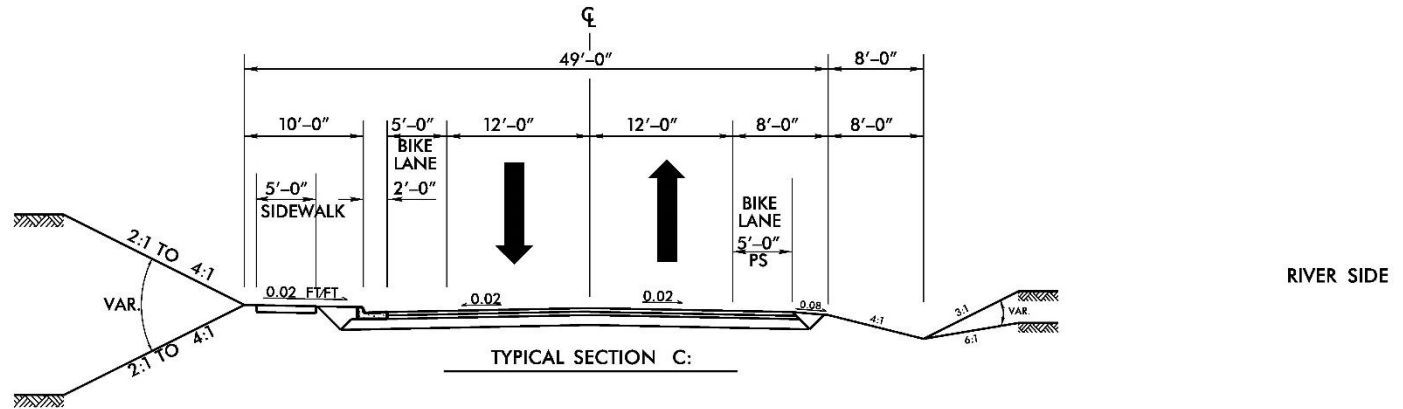
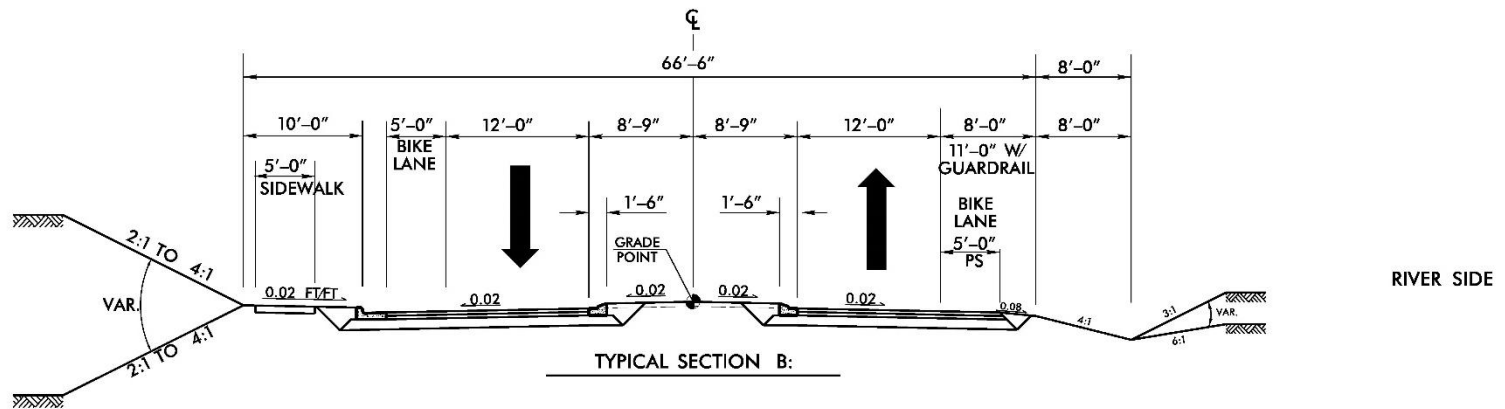
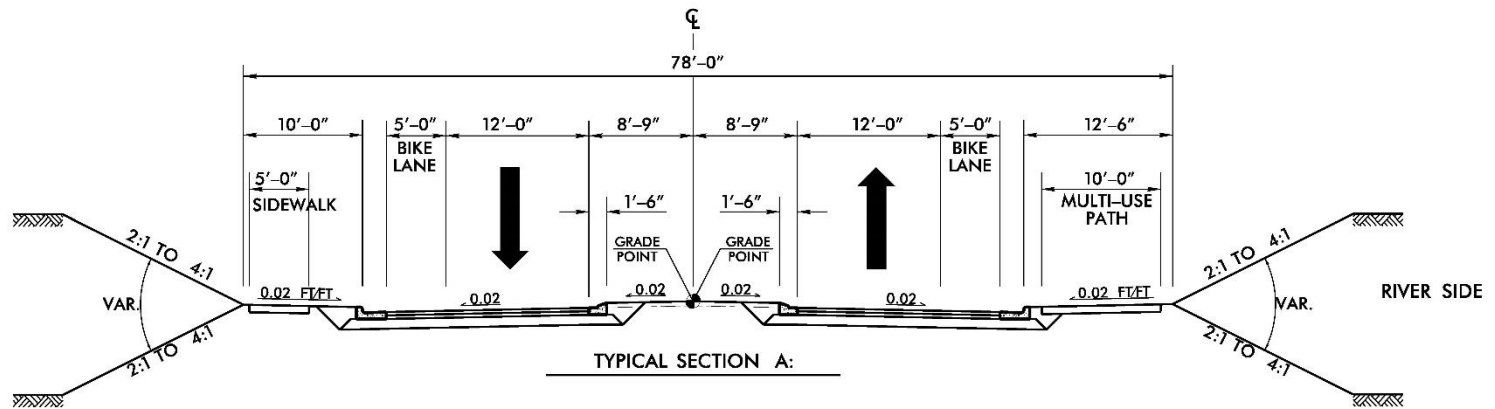
TYPICAL SECTION A



TYPICAL SECTION B



TYPICAL SECTION C



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| Meeting Type: Public Meeting | Date: March 28, 2019 |
| Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville-Biltmore, Asheville, NC | |
| TIP No.: U-4739 | |
| Project Description: Widen Amboy Road/Meadow Road (S.R. 3556) to multi-lanes from I-240 to N.C. 81/Biltmore Avenue (S.R. 3214), including a new bridge over the French Broad River in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina | |

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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.

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

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Comment Form



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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 proposed improvements to Amboy Rod/Meadow Road in Buncombe County. NCDOT staff and project team members are here to answer questions and hear your thoughts and/or concerns about these projects. Please complete this comment sheet, and either return it today to the comment table, or return by mail/e-mail no later than **April 26, 2019**.

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

2. In a few sentences, please describe your vision for this corridor (width, speed, usage, vehicle vs. alternative transit priority, etc.).

3. What type of bicycle and/or pedestrian amenities would you like to see included in the proposed designs?

Please return this sheet to the comment table at tonight's meeting, or fold in half, tape closed, and return by mail, or provide comments via email to: amboy-meadow@publicinput.com

*Thank you for attending this public meeting.
Your comments are very important in the project development process.*

4. If Amboy Road/Meadow Road is widened, do you have a preference for the direction of the widening (north or south of the existing roadway)?

5. Of the roadway typical cross sections presented at tonight's meeting, do you have a preference for one or more of the typical sections or any additional ideas that the project team should consider?

Typical Section A Typical Section B Typical Section C Other (please elaborate)

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