



Public Meeting To Be Held for Aviation Parkway Widening Project (STIP Project U-5811)

The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to widen Aviation Parkway (SR 1002) from NC 54 (Chapel Hill Road) to I-40 to a 4-lane median divided roadway with curb and gutter. Extra wide outside lanes will accommodate bicycles. Existing sidewalks will be replaced, and NCDOT and the towns may partner to add new sidewalk and a multi-use trail along the rest of the corridor.

The proposed improvements are included in the 2016-2025 North Carolina State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as STIP Project U-5811. The project is funded for right of way acquisition and construction in state fiscal years 2020 and 2022, respectively, in the 2016-2025 STIP.

Public Meeting Information

Date—Thursday, February 18, 2016

Time—4 to 7 p.m. (no formal presentation will be given)

Location—Morrisville Town Council Chambers, 100 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville

Citizens are invited to stop by Town Council Chambers anytime from 4 to 7 p.m. NCDOT and consultant team members will be available to discuss the project, and your input is requested. Your feedback will be used as a design is developed in the coming months.

Those wishing to comment on the project may do so verbally at the meeting or any time by phone. Comment sheets will be provided at the meeting for those who wish to provide comments in writing. Comments or questions may also be provided by email. **Comments are requested by March 21, 2016.**

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to decrease congestion and improve safety. Aviation Parkway is currently a two- and three-lane, undivided road. Adding another through lane in each direction will help decrease congestion on Aviation Parkway and potentially on other east-west roads through this area. The addition of a median will improve safety along the corridor.

Design Considerations

There are several issues NCDOT will consider during the design process, including:

- Changes to business access
- Crossing the railroad
- Community resources such as places of worship, parks, and greenways
- Crossing Lake Crabtree
- Other natural resources such as streams, wetlands, and floodplains
- Coordinating with adjacent projects



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Purpose of the Public Meeting

The purpose of the February 18 meeting is to present general information about the project to the public.

The project team has started collecting information about the existing roads, community resources, and



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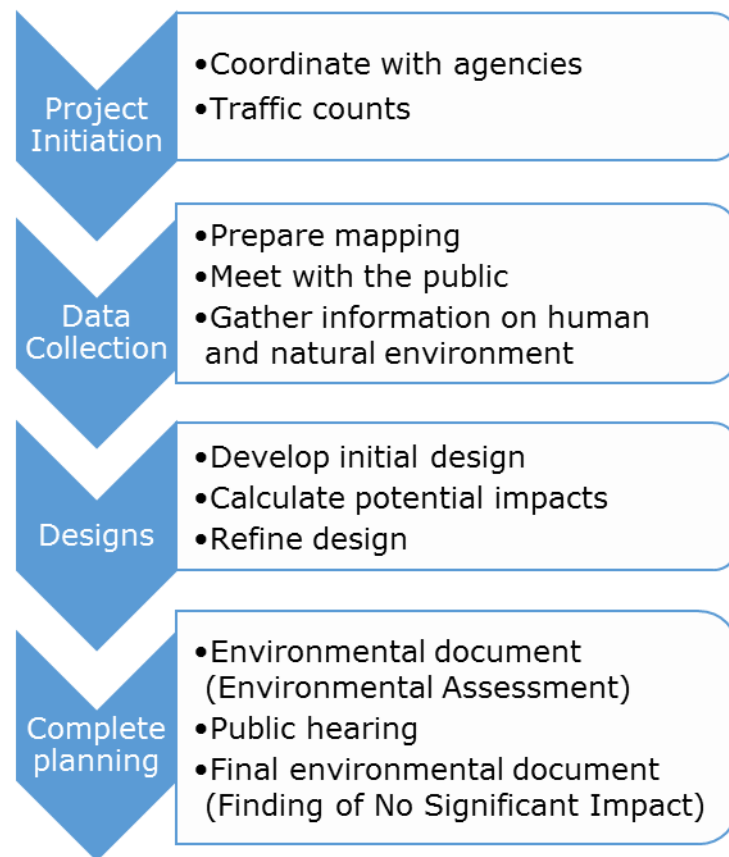
natural resources in the study area. At the meeting, attendees will be asked for their input on issues or concerns along the corridor.

The public will also be asked to provide feedback on the type of road that will be built. NCDOT has proposed building a four-lane road with a median and curb and gutter. Wide outside lanes would accommodate bicycles. Subject to participation by the towns, new sidewalk or a multi-use trail may be included to supplement the existing sidewalk.

At the meeting, detailed maps of the existing study area will be available for discussion. A design has not been developed, and so specific impacts will not be shown.

Planning Process

The graphic below illustrates the general steps involved in the planning process.



Project Schedule

Project planning has begun, including data collection and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies. Following the February 18 public meeting, designs will be developed and detailed impact analyses will be prepared. One or two additional public meetings will be held during the planning and design phase of this project.

Fall 2017 — Detailed designs will be completed

Spring 2018 — Environmental document will be prepared, and will be available to the public

Summer 2018 — Public hearing (detailed designs will be presented at this meeting)

SFY 2020* — Right of way acquisition begins

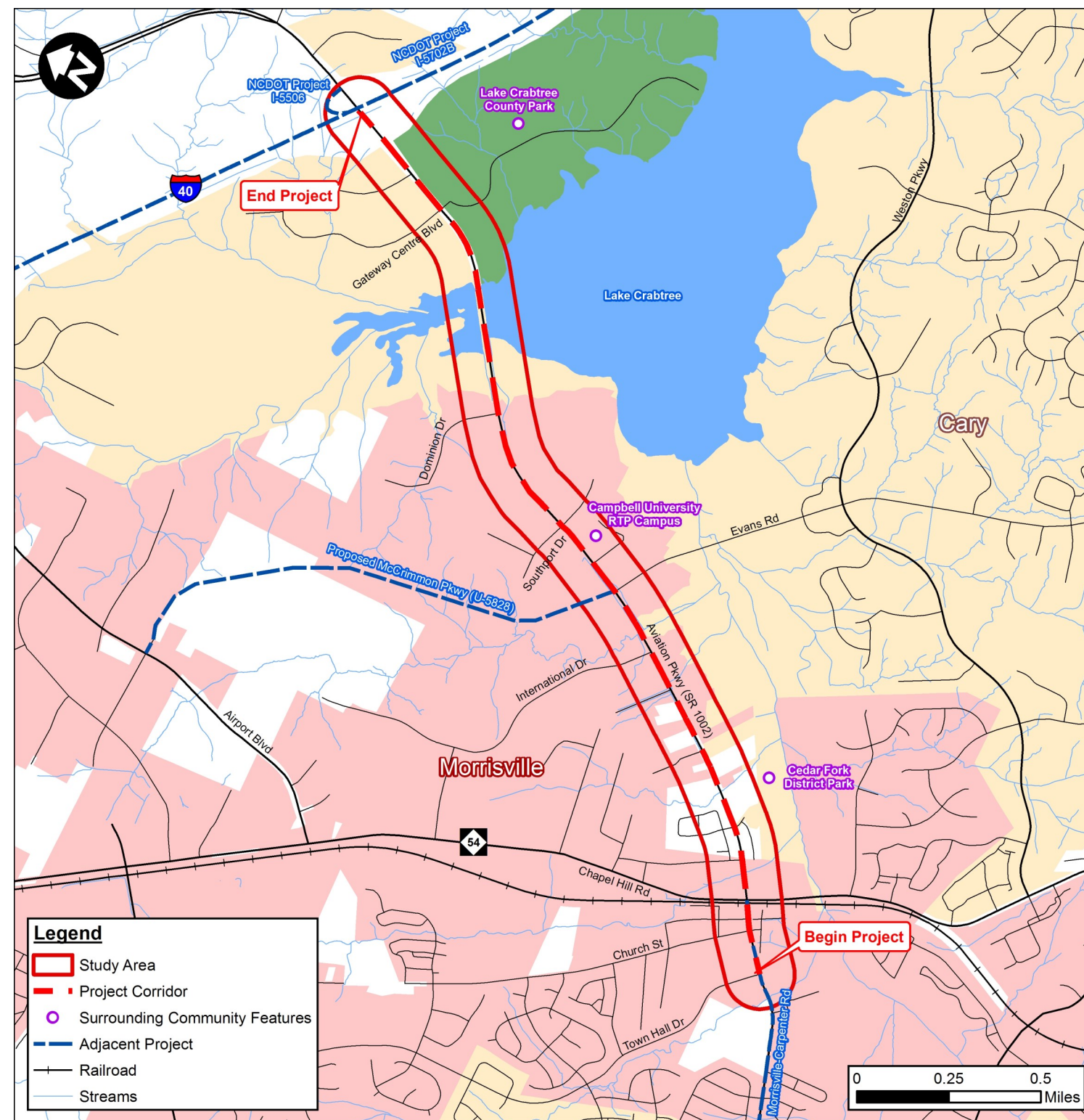
SFY 2022* — Construction begins

* Dates are from the 2016-2025 STIP, and are subject to change



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