

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGNUP SHEET

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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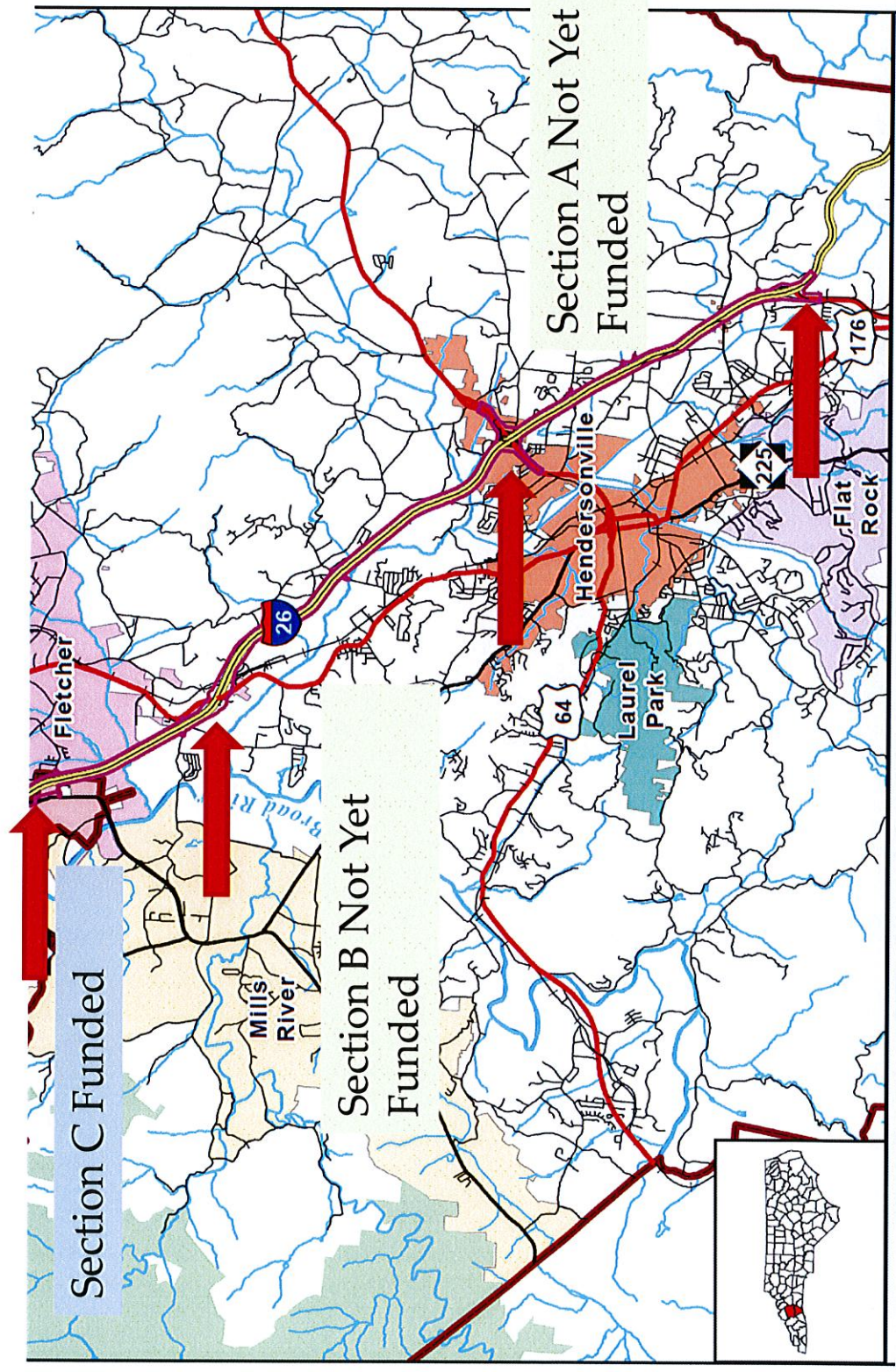
I-4400 and I-4700

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
September 2016

Recent Project History

- **Planning for I-4400 started in 2000**
- An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for I-4400 in May 2001
- In January 2002, a Finding of No Significant Impact (“FONSI”) was issued for I-4400
- The project was advertised as a Design-Build project by NCDOT
- **A lawsuit and resulting judgment in 2003** found that NCDOT should conduct a broader analysis of the overall expansion of the I-26 corridor: July 2003
- The project subsequently **placed on hold** due to financial constraints
- To address the 2003 judgment, the NCDOT concluded to **combine the analysis of STIP I-4400 with STIP I-4700** (the 8.6-mile segment between NC 280 and I-40) into one comprehensive EIS
- Project resubmitted as part of STI/SPOT Prioritization
- The project was reinitiated and included in the **Draft NCDOT 2013-2023 STIP**
- **NCDOT 2016-2025 STIP: I-4700 is fully funded; Phase “C” of I-4400 funded**
- FHWA approved the **Draft EIS** and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation on **August 9, 2016**

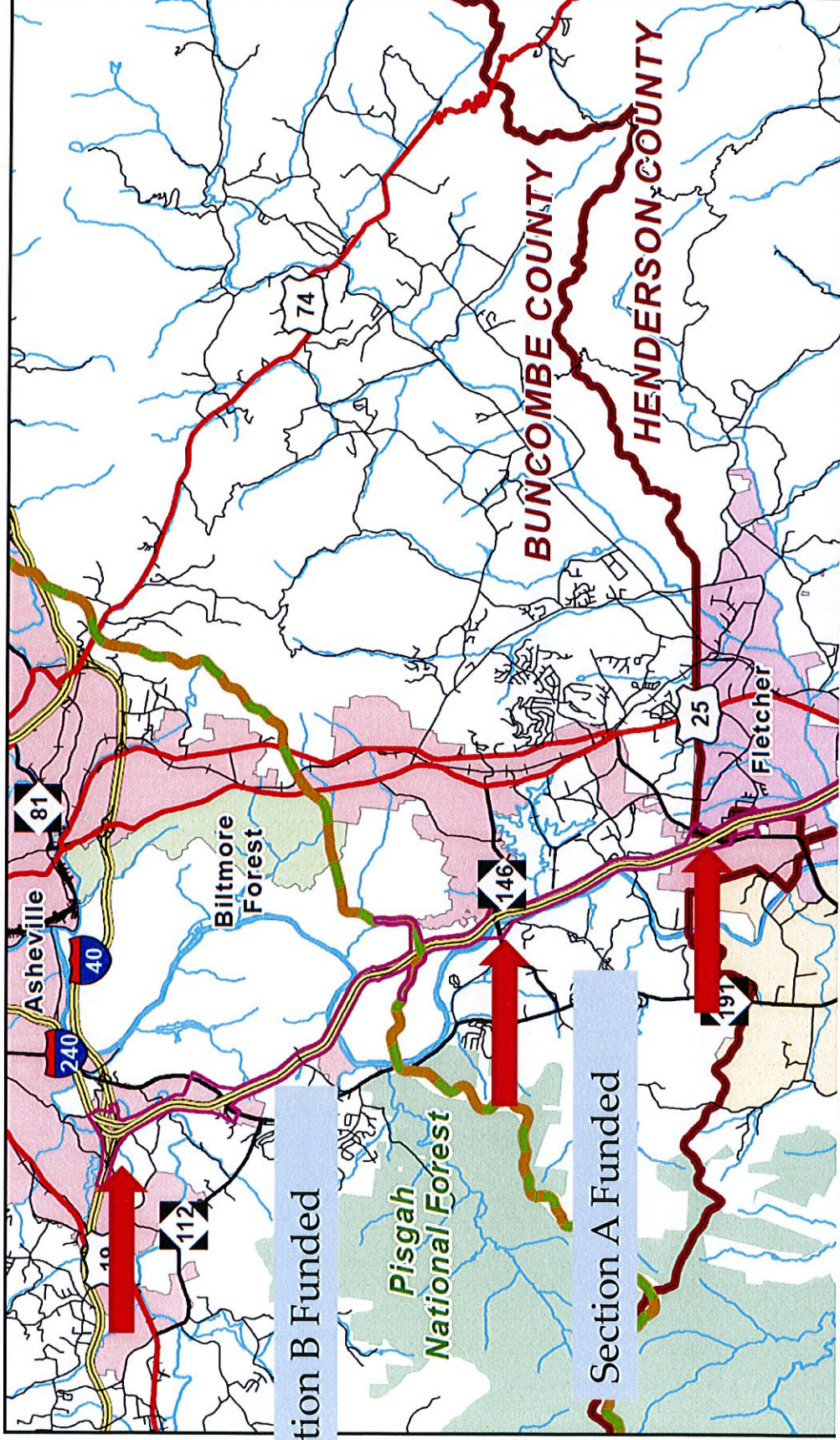
I-4400 Section C: US 25 BUS (Ex 44) to I-40 (Ex 40) Funded, Construction in 2020; Section B: US 64 (Ex 49 to US 25 BUS(Ex 44) Not Yet Funded; Section A: US 25 (Exit 54) to US 64 Not Yet Funded



I-4700 Section A: NC 280 (Ex 40) to NC 146 Long Shoals Rd

Section B: NC 146 Long Shoals Road (Ex 37) to I-40

Construction scheduled to start in 2020 for both



Strategic Transportation Investment (STI)



Governor McCrory signed House Bill 817, the Strategic Transportation Investments, into law on June 26, 2013 to replace the “Equity Formula”

Prioritization

Henderson County part of local input through the FBRMPO process

How the STI Works

40% of Funds = \$6B

Statewide Mobility

Focus → Address Significant Congestion and Bottlenecks

Eligible Projects

- Statewide type Projects (such as Interstates)
- Selection based on 100% Data
- Projects Programmed prior to Local Input Ranking

30% of Funds = \$4.5B

Regional Impact

Focus → Improve Connectivity within Regions

Eligible Projects

- Projects Not Selected in Statewide Mobility Category
- Regional Projects
- Selection based on 70% Data & 30% Local Input
- Funding based on population within Region (7)

30% of Funds = \$4.5B

Division Needs

Focus → Address Local Needs

Eligible Projects

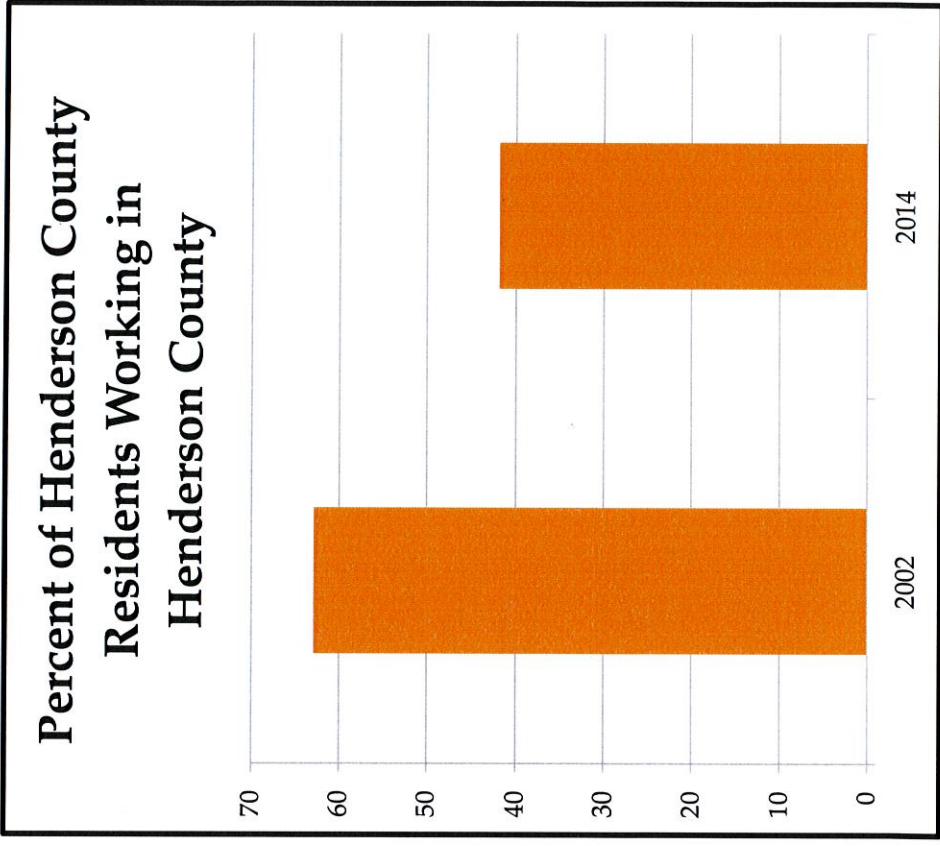
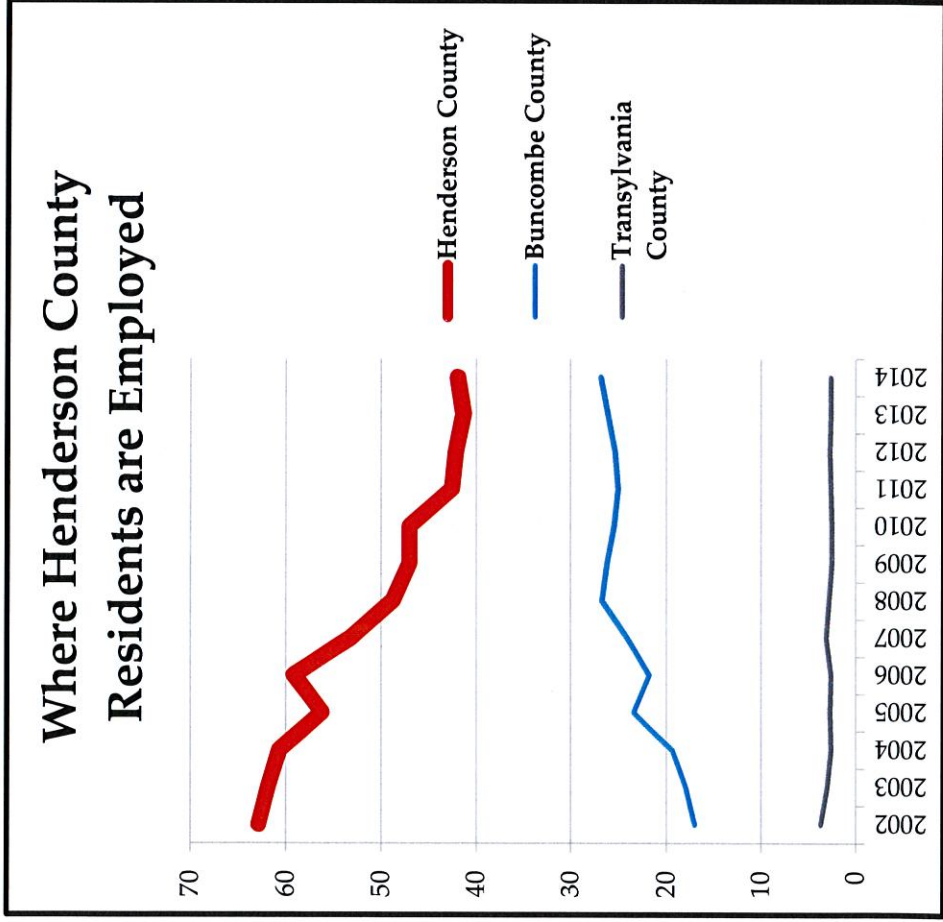
- Projects Not Selected in Statewide or Regional Categories
- Division Projects
- Selection based on 50% Data & 50% Local Input
- Funding based on equal share for each Division (14) = ~\$25M / yr

Estimated \$15B in Funds for SFY 2016-2025

Future Funding for I-4400 Sections A and B

- Prioritization will start again in the fall of 2017 (submission of new projects) for 2020-2029 TIP/STIP
- FBRMPO and NCDOT Divisions will submit new projects
- Statewide Mobility project funding decided based on statewide criteria
- Henderson TAC will provide input to the FBRMPO regarding project submission and Regional and Division Tier projects
- Henderson representatives on FBRMPO Board-the Board decides on MPO points assignment
- Division 14 points assignment subject to Division methodology, with public input

Henderson County Commuting Data (Source: U.S. Census "On the Map")




Questions?

- Draft EIS posted at <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i26widening/>
- Local Officials Meeting(s), Public Meeting and Public Hearing to be held
 - Draft date **October 13, 2016**
 - Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden
- Public comments due by November 14, 2016
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STIP Project I-4400/I-4700
I-26 Widening
Henderson and Buncombe Counties




Agenda

- Project Status
- Project Overview
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives
- Draft EIS Findings
- Next Steps in the Study Process

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Project Status

- Federal Highway Administration approved the Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation on August 9, 2016
- Document distributed for agency and public comment
- Local Officials Meeting(s), Public Meeting and Public Hearing to be held soon
 - Planned for October 13, 2016
 - Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden

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Project Status – Draft EIS Distribution Locations

Copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following locations:

- *NCDOT Division 13 Office in Buncombe County
- *NCDOT Division 14 District Office 1 in Henderson County
- *French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
- *South Buncombe Library
- Asheville Planning & Urban Design Department
- Hendersonville Planning Department
- Fletcher Planning and Zoning Department
- Buncombe County Planning Department
- Henderson County Planning Department
- *National Park Service – Blue Ridge Parkway
- Project webpage – www.ncdot.gov/projects/i26widening

*The Public Hearing Maps are also available at these locations


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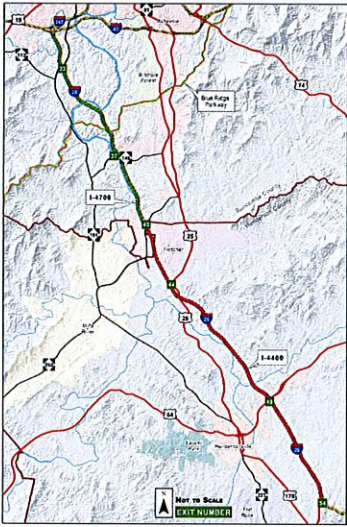
Project Overview

- The NC Department of Transportation proposes widening approximately 22.2 miles of I-26 from US 25 near Hendersonville to I-40/240 south of Asheville.
- The project is divided into two project sections:
 - Section I-4400 is a 13.6-mile stretch that begins at US 25 (Exit 54) near Hendersonville and extends along I-26 west to NC 280 (Exit 40).
 - Section I-4700 is an 8.6-mile stretch that extends along I-26 from NC 280 west to the I-40/240 interchange. In addition to widening, work will also involve replacing the Blue Ridge Parkway Bridge over I-26.

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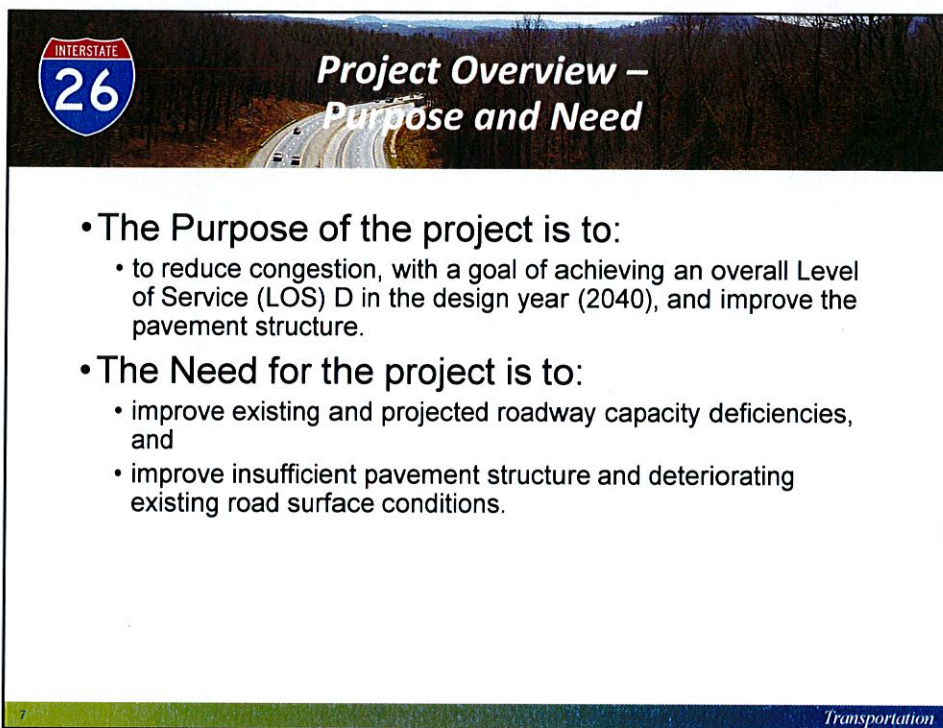


Project Overview – Vicinity Map



The map shows the project area along Interstate 26 in North Carolina. It highlights two sections: I-4400 (green line) and I-4700 (red line). Key locations marked include Hendersonville, Asheville, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Major roads shown include US 25, NC 280, and I-40/240. A legend at the bottom left indicates 'Map to Scale' and 'EXIT NUMBER'.

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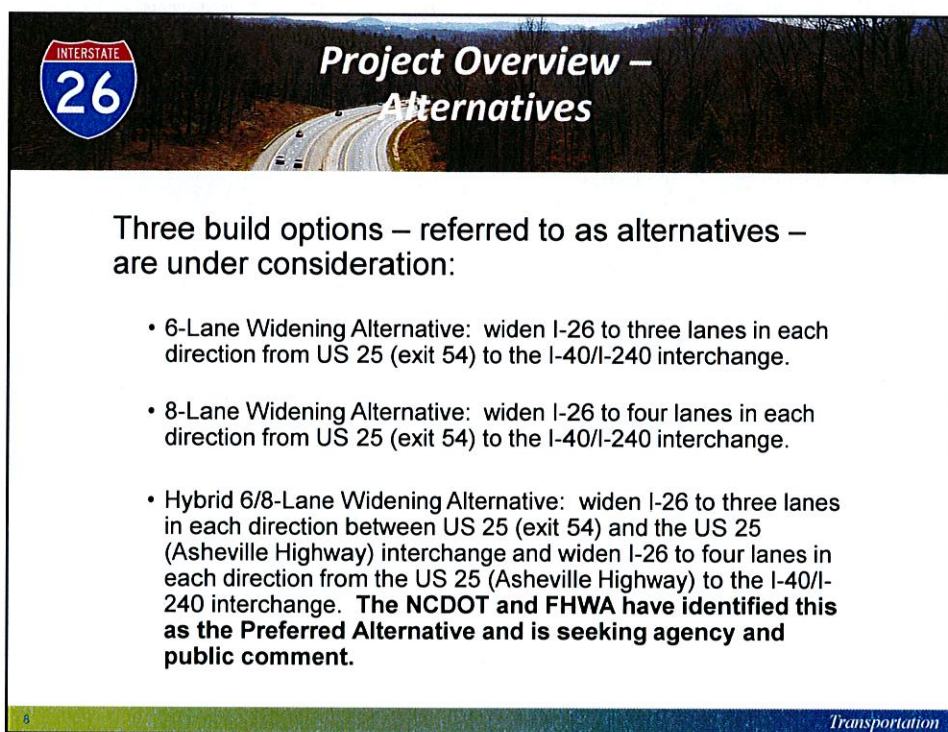


Project Overview – Purpose and Need

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- **The Purpose of the project is to:**
 - to reduce congestion, with a goal of achieving an overall Level of Service (LOS) D in the design year (2040), and improve the pavement structure.
- **The Need for the project is to:**
 - improve existing and projected roadway capacity deficiencies, and
 - improve insufficient pavement structure and deteriorating existing road surface conditions.

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Project Overview – Alternatives

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Three build options – referred to as alternatives – are under consideration:

- **6-Lane Widening Alternative:** widen I-26 to three lanes in each direction from US 25 (exit 54) to the I-40/I-240 interchange.
- **8-Lane Widening Alternative:** widen I-26 to four lanes in each direction from US 25 (exit 54) to the I-40/I-240 interchange.
- **Hybrid 6/8-Lane Widening Alternative:** widen I-26 to three lanes in each direction between US 25 (exit 54) and the US 25 (Asheville Highway) interchange and widen I-26 to four lanes in each direction from the US 25 (Asheville Highway) to the I-40/I-240 interchange. **The NCDOT and FHWA have identified this as the Preferred Alternative and is seeking agency and public comment.**

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Estimated Cost of Build Alternatives

	6-Lane Widening Alternative	8-Lane Widening Alternative	Hybrid 6/8-Lane Widening Alternative
Construction Cost	\$364,800,000	\$485,500,000	\$431,200,000
Right of Way Cost	\$9,828,500	\$13,381,500	\$9,311,500
Utility Cost	\$5,008,760	\$6,281,800	\$5,229,597
TOTAL COST	\$379,637,260	\$504,163,300	\$445,741,097

These costs include the Blue Ridge Parkway bridge replacement and realignment. NPS's estimated cost for Option 4 is \$19.8 million.

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Draft EIS Findings - Cost

TIP Project	6-Lane Widening (millions \$)	8-Lane Widening (millions \$)	Hybrid 6/8-Lane Widening (Recommended Alternative) (millions \$)
I-4400A	\$72.4	\$93.0	\$72.4
I-4400B	\$78.1	\$110.8	\$78.1
I-4400C	\$64.5	\$83.8	\$83.8
I-4700A	\$52.4	\$73.7	\$73.7
I-4700B	\$97.4	\$123.2	\$123.2
Total Construction Costs	\$364.8	\$484.5	\$431.2
Right of Way Costs	\$9.8	\$13.4	\$9.3
Utility Costs	\$5.0	\$6.3	\$5.2
Total Costs	\$379.6	\$504.2	\$445.7

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Next Steps in the Study Process


- Distribute Newsletter and Press Release announcing availability of the Draft EIS and the Public Meeting and Hearing
- US Army Corps of Engineers issues Public Notice
- Hold public meeting and hearing
- Compile public and agency comments
- Hold Interagency Meeting(s)
- Affirm or modify the Preferred Alternative
- Prepare Final EIS and Record of Decision

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Schedule


	NCDOT Schedule
Draft EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation	August 9, 2016
Public Hearing	October 13, 2016
Widening Preferred Alternative/ Concurrence Point 3 (LEDPA)	December 2016/ January 2017
Combined Final EIS/ROD	April 2017
Right of Way	
I-4400C (US 25 Business (Exit 44) to NC 280 (Exit 40))	November 2017
I-4700A, B (NC 280 (Exit 40) to I-40)	December 2017
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I-4400C (US 25 Business (Exit 44) to NC 280 (Exit 40), I-4700A, B (NC 280 (Exit 40) to I-40)	December 2019
Right of Way and Let	
I-4400 A, B (US 25 (Exit 54) to US 25 Business (Exit 44))	Unfunded/Not Scheduled

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The slide features a header image of a highway winding through a wooded area, with an Interstate 26 shield sign in the top left corner. The main content area is white with the word "Questions?" in large red font. The bottom right corner contains the "NC Transportation" logo, and the bottom left corner has a small number "13".

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 6 September 2016

SUBJECT: Closed Session

The Board is requested to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(4), to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in Henderson County, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the Board in negotiations.

Proposed Motion:

I move that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(4), to discuss matters of economic development.