



# Carthage Street Improvements

## Fire Tower Road to Wicker Street, Sanford

Transportation Improvement Project No. U-5709

Public Information Meeting • December 13, 2018

### About the Proposed Project

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing improvements to Carthage Street (S.R. 1237) that are intended to improve its operation and safety for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. The proposed improvements, between Fire Tower Road (S.R. 1152) and Wicker Street (U.S. 1 Business/N.C. 42) in Sanford, would include a raised median along the center of the roadway, bike lanes in each direction, a sidewalk on the west side of Carthage Street and a multi-use greenway path on the east side, and roundabouts at three intersections.

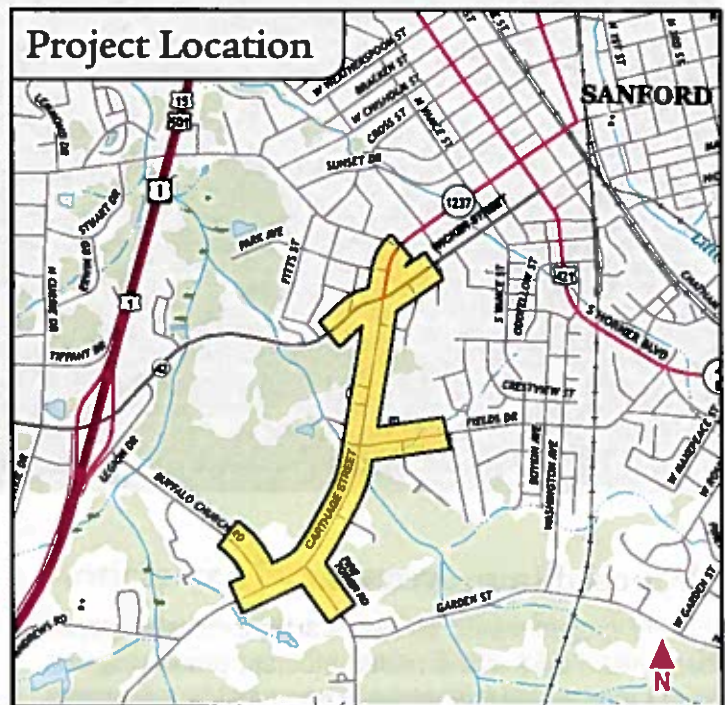
NCDOT presented preliminary information about the project to the public at a meeting held in September

2016. Since that time, NCDOT has reviewed input from the public, environmental agencies, and local government officials and gathered detailed information about the project's potential environmental effects. NCDOT used this input and information to evaluate several different options for the project and to identify the option that best balances project benefits and environmental impacts, while also meeting the project's purpose. The results of this study are summarized in the project's State Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (SEA/FONSI). NCDOT has also recently prepared preliminary design plans for the proposed improvements.

### About Today's Meeting

Today's meeting is an opportunity to share information with you about the status of the proposed improvements to Carthage Street. It is also an opportunity for you to learn more about the project and to share your comments and questions with us. Following today's meeting, NCDOT will review all the comments received from the public, along with input received from local officials. We will then assess each of the comments and evaluate their impact on the proposed improvements to determine if revisions are necessary.

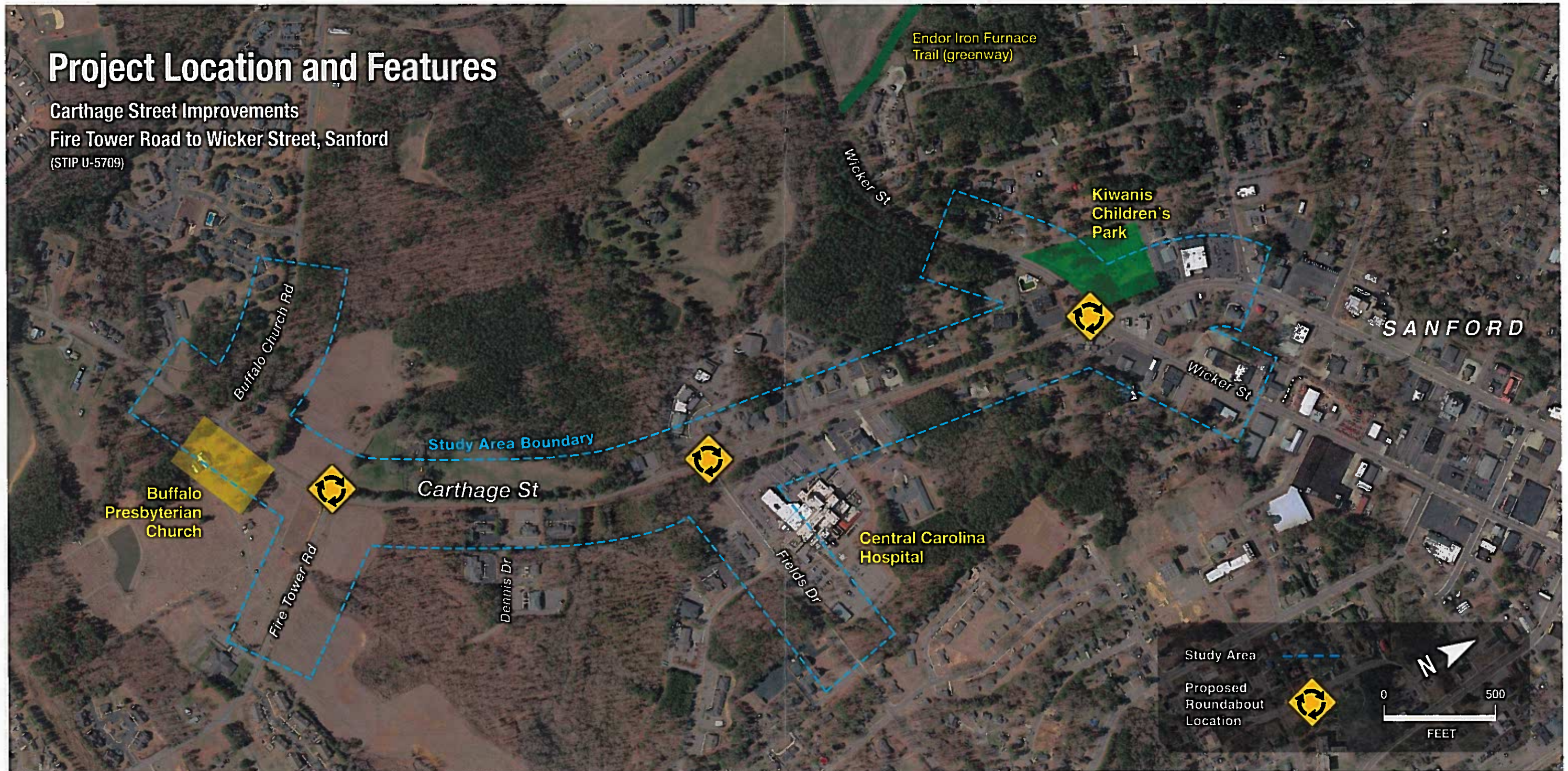
Maps and other graphics showing the proposed preliminary designs for the Carthage Street improvements are on display at today's meeting. Copies of the project's SEA/FONSI are also available for review at today's meeting; this document summarizes the development of the proposed improvements and their potential environmental effects.



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# Project Location and Features

Carthage Street Improvements  
Fire Tower Road to Wicker Street, Sanford  
(STIP U-5709)



## Proposed Improvements

The project would convert Carthage Street's open center-turn lane into a raised median, preserving one travel lane in each direction, and adding a 5-foot bike lane in each direction. There would be roundabouts at the Fire Tower Road, Fields Drive, and Wicker Street intersections, with a pedestrian crosswalk at each roundabout. From Fields Drive to Wicker Street, there would

be a 10-foot multi-use greenway path and a 5-foot sidewalk on the west side. At each of the roundabouts, the bike lane would taper off and the sidewalk on the west side would widen to a 10-foot path, allowing bike traffic to move onto the paths in the vicinity of the roundabout. To minimize impacts to historic property, there would be no sidewalk on the west side of Carthage Street from just north of Dennis Drive to Fire Tower Road.

## Anticipated Schedule

After reviewing public and stakeholder input, NCDOT will work toward finalizing the design plans for the project. According to the current anticipated project schedule, the final plans would be complete in the spring of 2019, and acquisition of right-of-way for the project would begin shortly after. NCDOT anticipates beginning construction of the project in 2021.

## Anticipated Funding

As documented in the 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), \$12.1 million in state funding has been allocated for this project's land acquisition, utility relocations, and construction. Local (city and county) dollars are also anticipated. The estimated cost for the project will be updated as designs for the project are completed.

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## Comments? Questions?

We want to make sure that all interested individuals have an opportunity to share with us comments, questions, and suggestions about the project. To do this, we ask that you please fill out a comment form. Following tonight's meeting, you may contact us at:

### US Mail

Ms. Kristin Maseman, AICP  
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### Comment form options

You may place your completed comment form in the "Comments" box or mail it to Kristin Maseman, at the address above. We ask that mailed comments be sent by **December 27, 2018**

### Email/Phone

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