

SOUTH CHURTON STREET Multimodal Corridor Study U-5845

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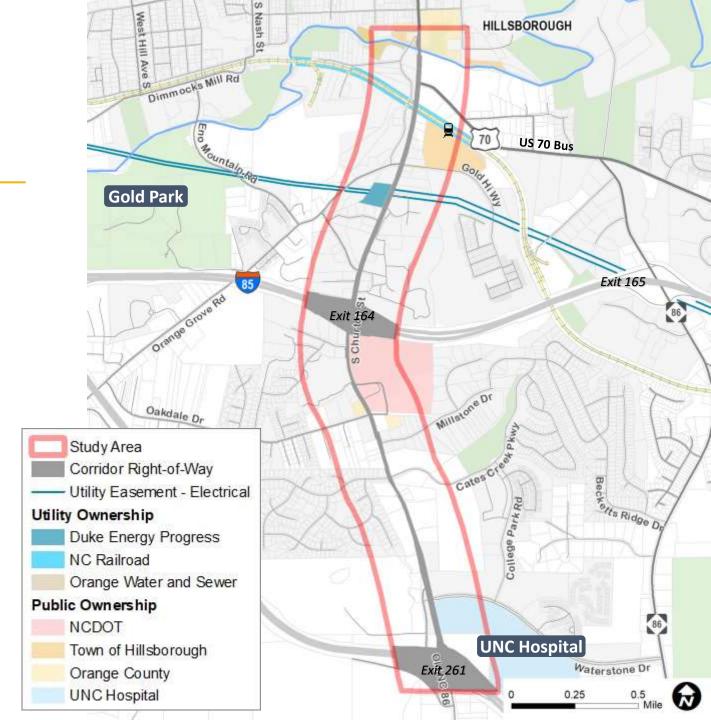




Corridor Background

Where is the study corridor?

- Churton Street / Old NC 86
- 2.4 miles
 - I-40 to US 70 Bus.
- Gateway into Downtown



How did we get here?

Stephanie –

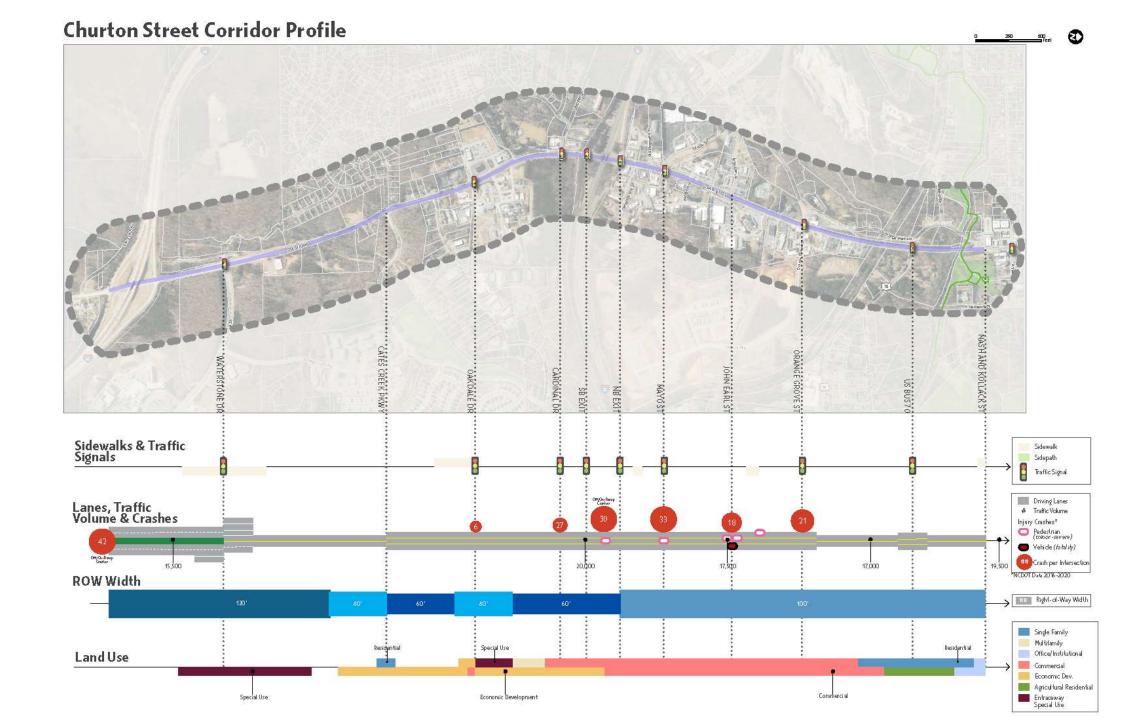
- Project History
- NCDOT Coordination



Why are we here? PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Timeline



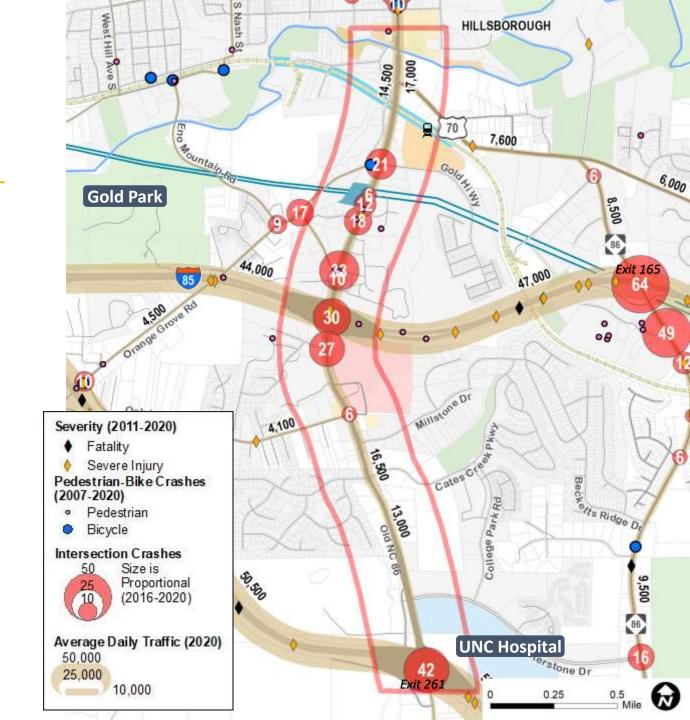


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Crash / Safety Review

(2011-2020 & 2021-2022 data sets)

- Intersection crashes (#)
 <u>Highest concentration around Mayo St</u>
- Fatal Crash Rate:
 1.34x the State Average
- Churton Street daily traffic
 - 13k (I-40) to 21k (I-85 exits)



Survey Results

926
Total Responses
(General Survey)

14
Total Responses
(Spanish Survey)

26 Total Responses (Business Survey)

Drivers feel safe, but others?

Not so much.



50%

Felt **safe** driving during the day

Drivers



Pedestrians & Bicyclists

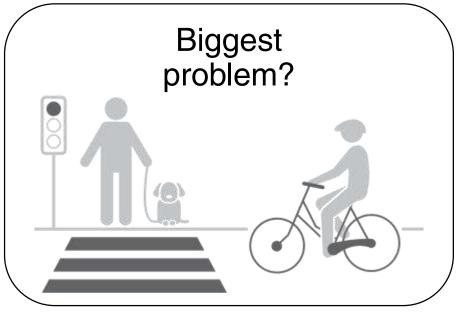
23%

Felt **safe** walking or biking during the day

Felt **unsafe** along the corridor

91% Pedestrians

77% Bicyclists



Lack of Mobility Options 29%

17%

Lack of sidewalks / safe pedestrian crossings

12%

Lack of mobility choices

Residents want to RELIEVE CONGESTION. How? Not widening:

> Better Connectivity

Better Access Management

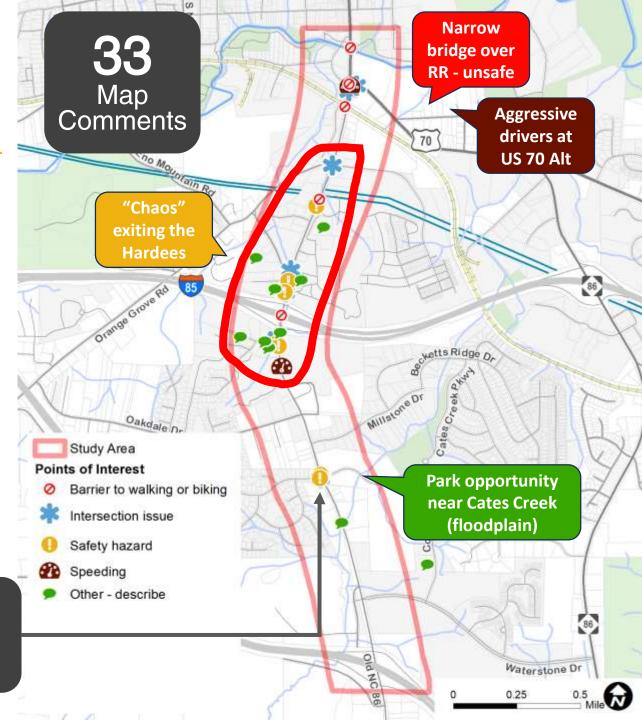
More Multimodal Improvements

in the STIP

Interactive Map

- 9 Intersection Issues
- 7 Safety Hazards
- 5 Barriers to Biking or Walking
- 2 Speeding Issues
- 10 Other(s)

"It's dangerous for pedestrians to cross here to reach the park."







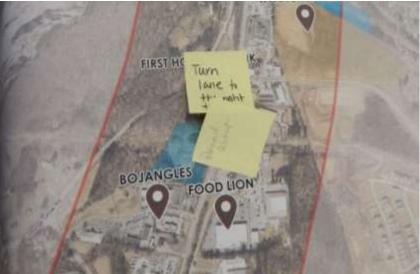
Two sessions:

- June 15th, 2023
- June 20th, 2023

Takeaways:

- 1. Residents agree: walking & biking need help
- 2. Safety and connectivity are currently lacking







Design Workshop









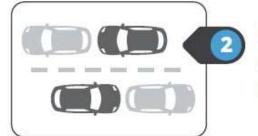




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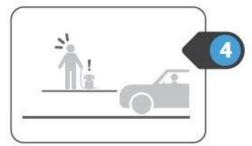
The corridor is unsafe for biking and walking.



Reoccurring congestion issues, especially at intersections, hamper traffic operations.



Missing facilities are forcing users to drive.



Safe crossing opportunities are missing and prevent walking activity.



Expected future growth will further worsen conditions on the corridor.

Design Considerations



Optional Intersection Design:

 Mayo Street: Partial dual lane roundabout or traditional signalized intersection



Roundabout Design:

- Consider partial dual-lane roundabout at Mayo Street
- Consider single-lane roundabout at Rebecca Drive (southern)
- Consider single-lane roundabout at Orange Grove Road



Intersection Redesign:

- Add new traffic signal for Cates Creek Parkway
- Reconfigure intersection at John Earl Street



Non-signalized Intersections:

 Proposed midblock crossing with Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) between Waterstone Drive and Cates Creek Parkway intersections

Design Considerations



Design Vehicle:

■ WB-40 truck (tractor-trailer, with 42' long box)



Lane Width:

Standard 11 foot travel lanes



Bike Facilities:

 Continuous 10 foot shared-use path along east side of the corridor (I-40 and Orange Grove Road)



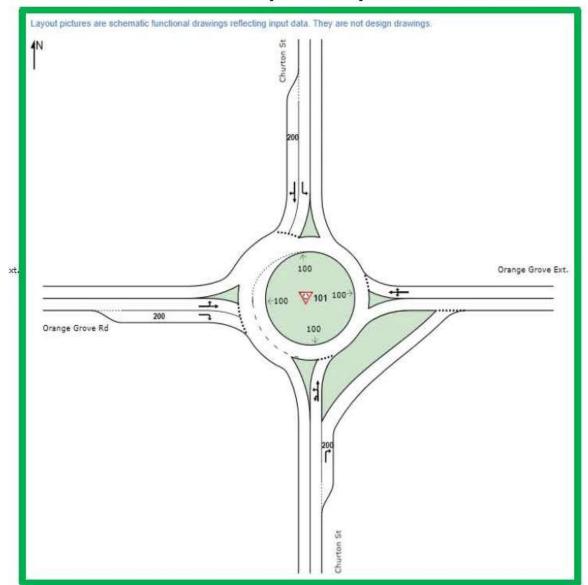
Pedestrian Facilities:

- Continuous sidewalk (minimum 5 foot width) along west side
- Sidepath (minimum 10 feet wide) along east side between I-40 and Orange Grove Road
- Connect with planned Ridgewalk Greenway near Cates Creek Parkway and Orange Grove Road

Traffic Analysis

- We started with U-5845 (NCDOT)
- Traffic operations for intersections (2016 & 2040):
 - Mayo Street
 - Orange Grove Road
- Tested the roundabouts
- Revised laneage as needed
- Note: two options for Mayo Street to address potential spillback issues from proposed I-85 interchange

Needed for Acceptable Operations in 2040



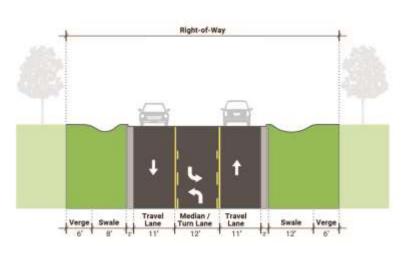
Preferred Access Plan (PAP)



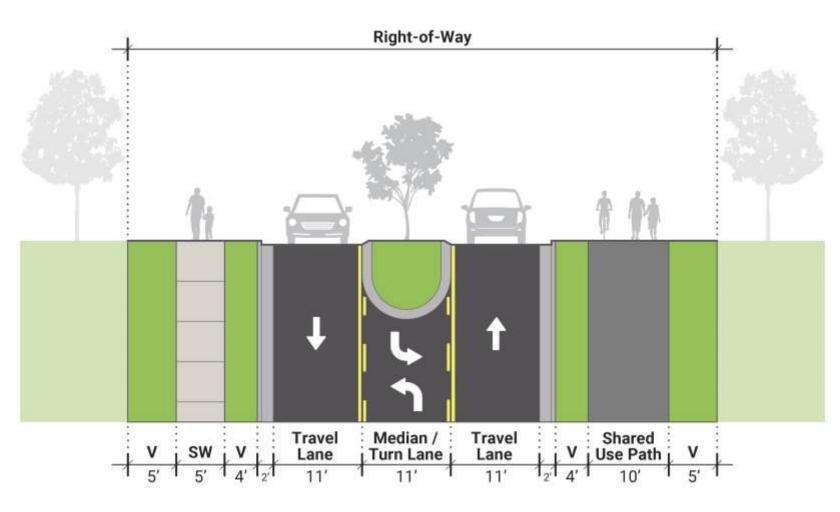
Proposed Cross-Sections

Existing three-lane section:

Downtown to Mayo Street



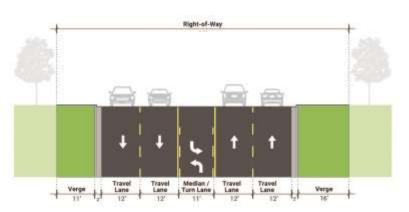




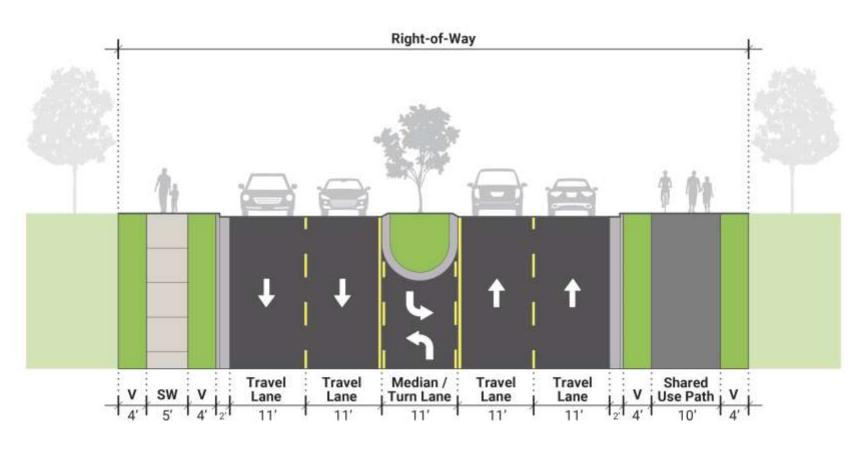
Proposed Cross-Sections

Existing four-lane section:

Mayo Street to I-40



PROPOSED



Final Concept Design



Roundabout at Orange Grove Road



PROPOSED (Conceptual – Not for construction)

Centerline at John Earl Street / Ford Dealership



EXISTING



PROPOSED (Conceptual – Not for construction)

Intersection at Cates Creek Parkway



EXISTING



PROPOSED (Conceptual – Not for construction)

Midblock Crossing along South Churton Street



EXISTING



PROPOSED (Conceptual – Not for construction)

Construction Cost

Planning-level Cost Estimate	Northern Segment	Southern Segment	
Approximate location	North of I-85	South of I-85	
Segment length	1.0 miles	1.6 miles	
Estimated material costs	\$13,200,000	\$12,900,000 \$7,800,000	
Design, construction, inspection costs	\$8,600,000		
Cost Estimate Range	\$22M - \$23.8M	\$20M - 21.7M	
Potential utilities impact	High	Low	
Potential ROW impact*	1.5 acres	6.5 acres	

Policy Considerations

Topic / Consideration	Timeline	Lead Department	Supporting Partners	Relates with
Complete Streets Policy	Near-term	Public Space and Sustainability	Town Board	UDO Chapter 7 – Streets and Sidewalks – Appendix A
Traffic Calming Program	Mid-term	Public Space and Sustainability	Town Board, Public Works Division	Street Standard – Appendix B
Vision Zero Policy	Near-term	Public Space and Sustainability	Town Board, NCDOT Division 7	Commitment to safety
Safety Action Plan	Mid-term	Planning and Economic Development	Public Works Division	Vision Zero Policy
Dedicated funding for South Churton Street	Near-term	Town Board	NCDOT Division 7 - U-5845 project	Local funding plan and strategy
UDO re-write	Near-term	Planning and Economic Development		Private development requirements, and review process
Access Management Policy	Mid-term	Public Space and Sustainability	Town Board, Public Works Division	UDO re-write, Complete Streets Policy
Maintenance agreements	Mid-term	Public Space and Sustainability	Public Works Division	UDO re-write, Streets Standard
Sidewalk payment in lieu	Mid-term	Planning and Economic Development	Planning and Economic Development	UDO re-write, Complete Streets Policy
Street tree planting requirements	Mid-term	Planning and Economic Development	Planning and Economic Development	UDO re-write, Streets Standard
Utility placement	Long-term	Planning and Economic Development	Public Works Division	UDO re-write, Streets Standard

