



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# EAST END CONNECTOR UPDATE

## Project Schedule

### September 2006

*Citizens Informational  
Workshop #1  
Project Information*

### January 2007

*Citizens Informational  
Workshop #2  
Alternatives Evaluation*

### Spring 2008

*Reevaluation Document of  
the 1982 Final EIS*

*Design Public Meeting*

### 2010 / 2012

*Right-of-Way Acquisition  
and Construction*



THE EAST END CONNECTOR  
"Connecting Durham"

## Project Overview

### Background

Volume 3 of the East End Connector newsletter provides an update on the progress of the project and recent decisions made about the alternatives being considered for the project. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to construct a new multi-lane freeway connector between Durham Freeway (NC 147) and US 70 (Miami Boulevard) in Durham. Several alternatives have been studied for the project including four alternative alignments and the 'no-build' alternative.

### Selection of Alternative 3 as the Preferred Alternative

In June 2007, NCDOT identified Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative for the proposed East End Connector based on public input and the multi-agency review of the potential alignments that were considered for the project. A Reevaluation of the 1982 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared which provides information about the alternatives considered for the project, existing conditions of the human, physical and natural environments within the study area, impacts of the alternatives as well as possible mitigation measures, and public and agency coordination.

### Next Steps

The Reevaluation of the environmental document is expected to be completed in Spring 2008. Following public issuance of the Reevaluation document, a Design Public Meeting will be held to give citizens and agencies an opportunity to comment on the proposed East End Connector project. A newsletter and other public notices will be issued to announce the date, time and location of the Design Public Meeting. More information about the impacts of the preferred alternative such as air quality, noise and possible relocation impacts will be provided in upcoming public meetings. The right-of-way acquisition for the East End Connector is scheduled to begin in 2010 and construction activities are anticipated to begin 2012.

### East End Connector Ad Hoc Committee

The City of Durham and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) formed an Ad Hoc Committee for the East End Connector project at the request of the Durham City Council. This Ad Hoc will serve in an advisory role to the City of Durham and the DCHC MPO in the planning and

environmental review process for the East End Connector. The Ad Hoc Committee consists of members of the local community and will meet in August 2007 with the NCDOT and the City of Durham to discuss possible strategies to minimize impacts of the proposed project and to provide input from area residents.

The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to meet with NCDOT and the local governments periodically throughout the project review process. For additional information about the Ad Hoc Committee, please contact the East End Connector Project Hotline at 1-800-734-7062 or the City of Durham at (919) 560-4366.

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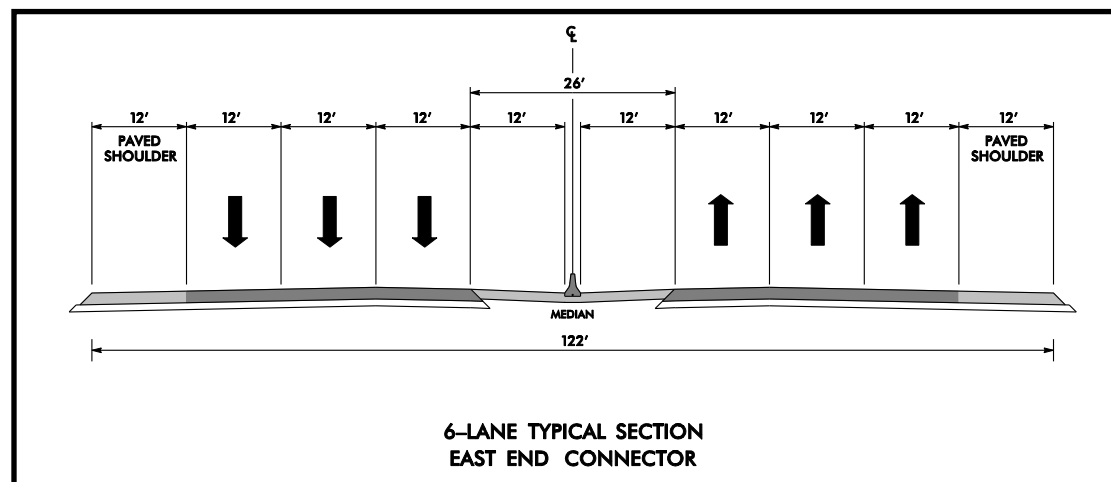
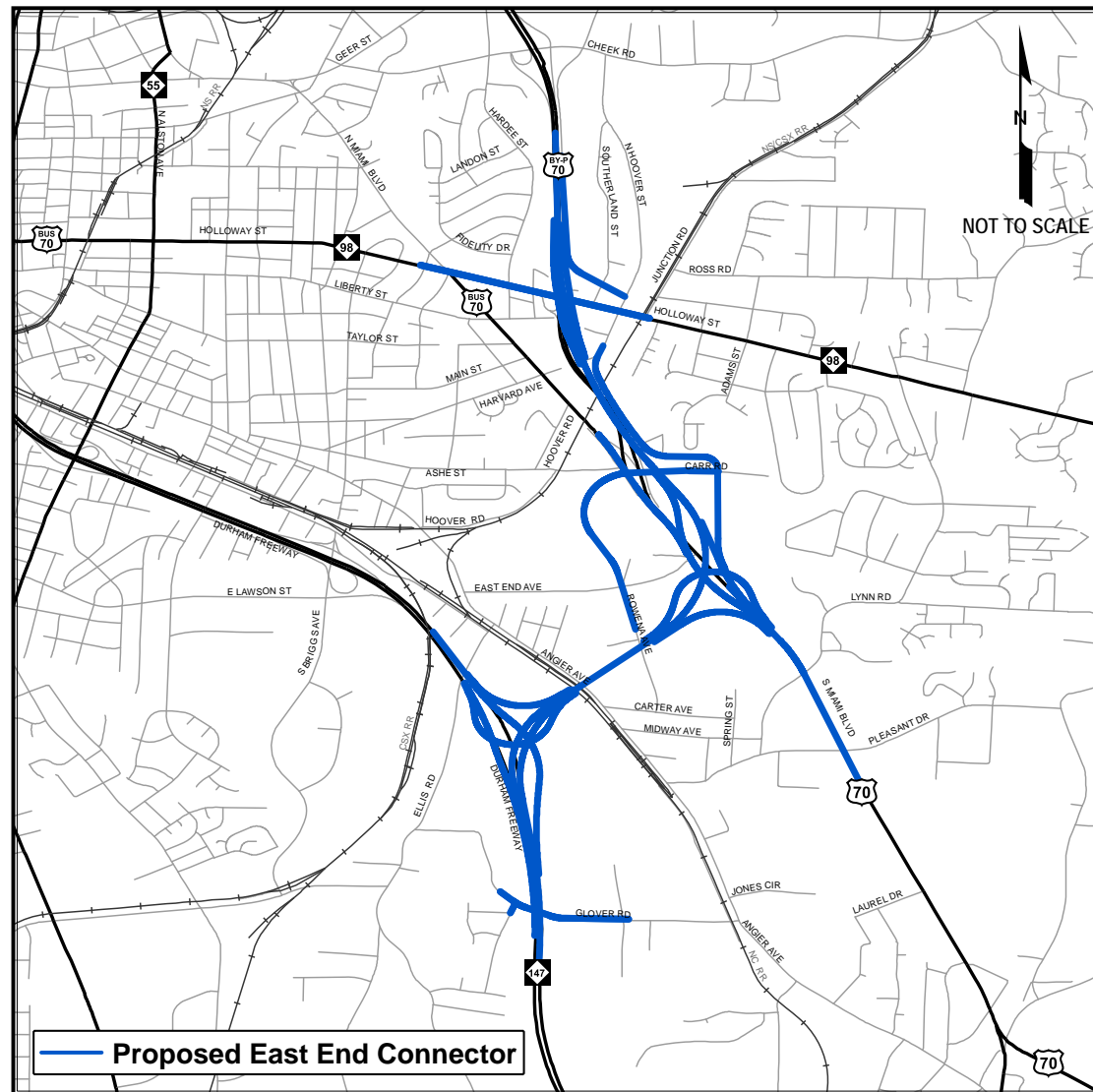
## Be Informed...Be Involved

Continued public involvement is important to the success of the East End Connector project. The NCDOT suggests several ways for you and your community to stay involved and obtain project information:

- Access the project website at: <http://www.ncdot.org/projects/eastendconnector>
- Add your name to the project mailing list to receive future newsletters and public meeting notices.
- Contact members of the East End Connector Project Team to provide input and comments regarding project planning efforts via the **Project Hotline at 1-800-734-7062**.
- Written comments and questions may be mailed or e-mailed to:  
**East End Connector Project Team**  
**8008 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 410 Charlotte, NC 28226**  
**E-Mail: [EastEndConnectorProject@rsandh.com](mailto:EastEndConnectorProject@rsandh.com)**



# Proposed Location of East End Connector



**NOTE:**  
The proposed East End Connector would have three lanes in each direction and one/two auxiliary lanes as needed.

# The Project Impacts

Alternative 3 was selected as the preferred alternative because this alignment impacts the least number of residences and businesses, takes the least amount of right-of-way, has the lowest construction costs and has minimal impacts to the natural environment.

The project begins on US 70 south of its interchange with Cheek Road, continues traveling west-east crossing Rowena Avenue and joining the Durham Freeway (NC 147) south of Briggs Avenue. The project terminates north of Glover Road. The total length of the East End Connector is 3.6 miles.

The proposed East End Connector would have three lanes in each direction and one or two auxiliary lanes as needed. This project includes adding lanes on US 70 between Lynn Road and Holloway Street and on the Durham Freeway between Ellis Road and Briggs Avenue. US 70 would become a freeway facility from Holloway Street to Pleasant Drive eliminating any direct driveway access. Local access to the East End Connector would be provided on US 70 at the Holloway Street interchange and at the intersection of Lynn Road, and on NC 147 at the Briggs Avenue interchange and Ellis Road interchange. The proposed East End Connector would meet the freeway needs in the eastern part of Durham for the next 25 years.

## Public Involvement:

The preferred alternative was developed through an extensive public involvement process. Generally, there are two important elements in this process: informing the public and listening to the community.



To provide up-to-date information about the project, three newsletters were published, and a project website was maintained. A telephone hotline and an e-mail address enabled the team to interact and provide individual responses to comments.

To gain input from the community, to date the project team has conducted two Citizens Informational Workshops, seven meetings with neighborhood groups and five meetings with elected officials. These meetings focused on familiarizing the public with the project and enabled many citizens direct contact with NCDOT.

The Project Team will continue to work with the community on refining the preferred alternative and continues to be available for meetings with elected officials and community groups upon request.

## Physical Description

Project Length	3.6 miles
Right-of-Way Needs	88 acres
Constructability	moderately complex
Cost	\$198.3 million

## Physical Environment Impacts

Residential Noise	22
Business Noise	3
Churches Noise	1
Air Quality	None

## Human Environment Impacts

Residences	23
Businesses	10
Churches	1 church, 1 church office
Cemeteries	1 (0 grave sites)

## Natural Environment Impacts

Wetlands	0.1 acre
Ponds	1.3 acres
Streams	7,199 feet
Neuse River Buffers	12.4 acres