Carpenter Fire Station Road Realignment and Grade Separation

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congestion on NC 55 and Carpenter Fire Station Road, improved connectivity, and enhanced traffic safety by eliminating an at-grade railroad crossing with the CSX railroad line on Carpenter Fire Station Road. Good Hope Church Road and Saunders Grove Lane will also be realigned with the planned Carpenter Fire Station Road Improvements.

Moving Forward – At the conclusion of this workshop and upon completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) required for this project, the Town will select a preferred roadway alignment. Input has been received from numerous agencies including the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), State Historic Preservation Office, US Army Corps of Engineers, CSX Railroad, and other environmental review and regulatory agencies. Dialogue with these agencies will continue through the final design phase.

After the final alignment is selected, detailed surveys will be performed to more precisely locate all existing features including roadways, driveways, buildings, trees, shrubs, and other features. Final design plans will then be developed and upon their completion Town representatives will contact the property owners who will be directly impacted by the project and meet with them to review the plans and discuss impacts.

Funding – Funding for this project is included as part of the Community Investment Bonds approved by Cary voters on November 6, 2012. More information is available on the Town’s website at http://www.townofcary.org by searching “Carpenter Fire Station Road.”

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This second citizens’ workshop is the next step in a process used to select the best alternative and minimize community impacts. Comments received at the workshop will be considered and used as part of the preparation of the final engineering designs for this project. The following is the current schedule:

REALIGNMENT STUDY

Fall 2012 – Spring 2014
Technical field studies and surveys performed in order to provide alignment alternatives and prepare the necessary environmental documentation.

Spring 2014
Presentation of realignment alternatives and other information at the second citizens’ workshop.

Summer 2014 – Summer 2016
Perform detailed surveys for the selected alignment and prepare Final Engineering Designs taking into consideration comments received at the second citizens’ informational workshop. Plan reviews will be required with NCDOT, CSX Railroad, and the various public and regulatory agencies.

CONSTRUCTION

Summer 2016 – Summer 2018
Construction of railroad underpass and Carpenter-Fire Station Road realignment.

UPDATE FOR CARPENTER FIRE STATION ROAD REALIGNMENT

Workshop Overview - The Town of Cary has worked with our engineering design consulting firm on evaluating different roadway realignment alternatives for realigning approximately 0.5 miles of Carpenter Fire Station Road between NC 55 and Morrisville Carpenter Road. The alignment alternatives presented at this workshop were developed to avoid or minimize possible impacts to existing wetlands, streams, residences, and buildings, including those that are contributing features of the Carpenter Historic District.

The Town is presenting these different realignment alternatives as well as other exhibits at the workshop. Conceptual visualizations of the project, including the new underpass below the CSX Railroad, are also being presented at the workshop. The Town hopes that you have time to review the materials and to provide your comments for the alignment alternatives, as well as provide any other thoughts and suggestions you may have for this project. If you are unable to attend the workshop or need additional time, you can mail or email your comments to the Town’s project manager. The mailing address and contact information is included with this update.

Project Benefits – This project has long been a part of Cary’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and is detailed in the Carpenter Community Plan. The project is also shown as a link in the Triangle’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

When completed, this project will provide benefits including improved east-west traffic flow, increased traffic flow, reduced traffic