



KEY FACTORS

- The City of Charlotte is underway on environmental, planning, and design studies for roadway improvements in the Prosperity Church Road area.
- Proposed roadway improvements will increase roadway capacity, improve traffic circulation, and reduce travel time.
- Findings from the alternatives workshop will be used to recommend a final alternative alignment.
- This project is part of a long range planning effort started in the 1990's, which developed a vision for the entire Prosperity Village area:
 - Mixing uses within buildings and blocks
 - Pedestrian oriented development
 - Interconnected street network
 - Diversity of housing and other building types
 - Emphasis on sustainable development patterns

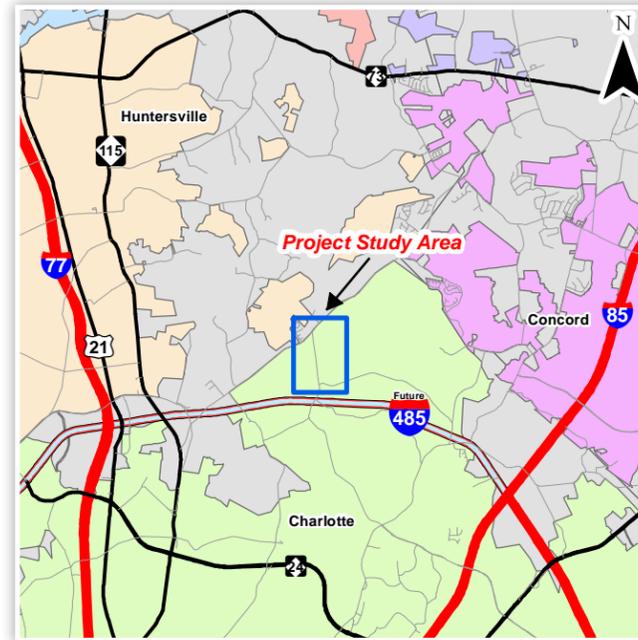


Figure 2: Area Map

WELCOME to the Prosperity Village Northwest Thoroughfare Extension Alternatives Workshop

CrossWay Community Church
6400 Prosperity Church Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28269

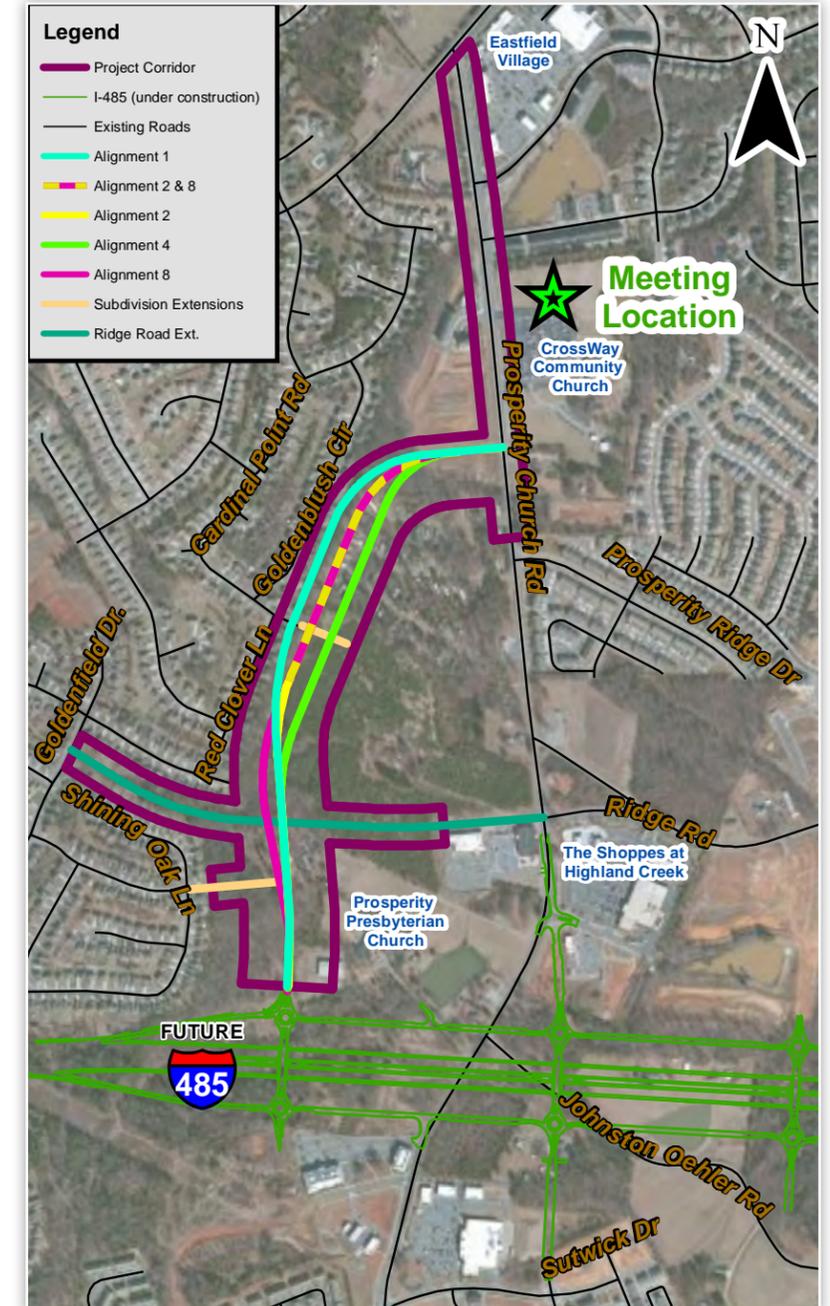


Figure 1: Project Location Map

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Thank You
for joining us in order to
learn more about our project
and share your ideas with
the project team!

The City of Charlotte is planning roadway improvements in the Prosperity Church Road area of Mecklenburg County. The study area extends from the future I-485/Prosperity Church Rd. interchange to Eastfield Rd.

* Spanish translation will be provided at the meeting. The City of Charlotte will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. **Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Leaver or Ms. Podeszwa, as early as possible, so that these arrangements can be made.**

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to give interested parties the opportunity to review four alternative alignments currently under consideration.

The alternatives workshop will include an opportunity to meet with Project Team members, review project maps and handouts, and to engage with other community members to discuss the four alternative alignments.

Project Purpose

- Reduce congestion on existing Prosperity Church Road by creating a thoroughfare roadway network.
- Complement existing and future plans for the area.



Project Need

The Charlotte metro area has experienced sustained growth which is expected to continue over the next several decades. As traffic volumes increase, Prosperity Church Road in the Prosperity Village Area will not provide an acceptable Level of Service (LOS).

The City of Charlotte has identified Prosperity Church Road Northwest and Ridge Road Extension as necessary links in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg transportation system. The Northeast District Plan (adopted 1995/1996) and the Prosperity Church Road Villages Plan (adopted 1999) recommended that this area be developed as a "traditional urban village." With this vision of an urban, mixed use community, the traditional diamond interchange as



originally planned was re-evaluated and a split-diamond interchange was instituted. According to the adopted 2002 Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization's Thoroughfare Plan, each of the interchange bridge crossings would carry a two-lane minor thoroughfare connecting to existing Prosperity Church Road north and south of the proposed interchange. The Ridge Road extension would provide an east-west thoroughfare connection to complete the village network. Prosperity Church Road from I-485 to the northern terminus is funded for construction in 2014. The City of Charlotte is funding construction of the eastern portion of the Ridge Road Extension in 2014.

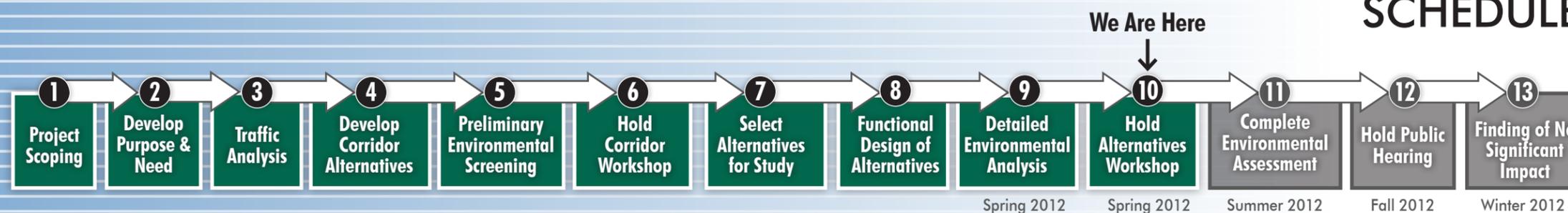


NEPA Process

Federal funds have been identified for construction of the project. During project planning and development, the City of Charlotte is required to complete environmental documentation that meets state and federal environmental regulations. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is a federal law that requires the consideration of environmental issues during the planning phase for projects that are federally funded or impact federally owned lands.

Under "NEPA", environmental topics include both the natural (e.g. air, water, ecology, and geology) and human (e.g. social, cultural, and economic) environments. An Environmental Assessment (EA) report is required to determine if the project will significantly affect the natural and human environments located within the study area. The EA provides comprehensive information regarding the purpose and need for the project, an analysis of potential environmental and community impacts, discussion of alternatives, an overview of anticipated mitigation measures if impacts are found, and a listing of agencies and stakeholders consulted throughout the process. When issues are satisfactorily resolved, the process concludes with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Interested stakeholders and citizens are invited to participate through a series of workshops and hearings. Environmental documents are made available for public review at key points in the process.

SCHEDULE



Community Outreach

Community Outreach - A continuous outreach process is integrated into every step of the project to ensure that the corridor residents, businesses, the traveling public and other interested parties have meaningful participation in the process. NOTE: Phases of the project beyond the study process described above are not shown. They will include right of way acquisition and construction.

