



65% Design Public Meeting

Buck Jones Road Widening

From Farm Gate Road to Xebec Way

Hope Community Church

821 Buck Jones Road, Raleigh, NC 27606

Sponsored by: City of Raleigh and URS Corporation

January 4, 2012

Welcome!

Welcome to the 65% Design Public Meeting for the Buck Jones Road Widening project. This meeting is another step in the public involvement process begun with the Pre-Design Meeting held on June 24, 2010 and the Corridor Design Meeting held November 29, 2010. Since the last meeting, the project has undergone a significant amount of development toward completing the design engineering to a level where most of the impacts to the project can be visualized and understood. The purpose of tonight's meeting hosted by the City of Raleigh, is to detail the progress of the design efforts to this point, receive input on some alternative considerations for inclusion into the project to address traffic and aesthetics, and layout the process and timeline for the final phases of the project. Please feel free to review and ask questions about the project maps and displays to the members of the project team here tonight from the City of Raleigh and the City's design consultant, URS Corporation. Team members will be available at the maps and displays to answer your questions in an open workshop format starting at 7:00 p.m. Thank you for your participation.

Project Details

- **Location:** The proposed widening of Buck Jones Road will begin near Farm Gate Road and extend to Xebec Way. See Figure 1 on the inside of this handout for an overview of the project limits.
- **Need/Benefit:** The project was developed to address the need to provide a "Complete Streets" approach to this roadway. A "Complete Streets" approach seeks to improve and enhance all types of travel modes. These modes include vehicle traffic, but also address consolidation and improvements to transit amenities, bicycle mobility and pedestrian accommodations, as well as other enhancements along the corridor to provide traffic calming and aesthetic benefits. The project goal still remains to improve access and mobility in southwest Raleigh as well as increase safety along this minor thoroughfare. Construction of additional turn lanes, bicycle lanes, improved transit amenities and sidewalks will serve to accomplish the overall goal through addressing these key components.
- **Description of Roadway:** Existing Buck Jones Road is primarily a two-lane roadway with inadequate turn lane accommodations at some intersections. The proposed project would widen Buck Jones Road to provide a center turn lane for adequate turning traffic storage at eight major intersections along the project in an effort to increase safety and efficiency of travel along the corridor.
- **Pedestrians:** Sidewalks will be provided on both sides of Buck Jones Road from Farm Gate Road to Xebec Way. A sidewalk will also be installed on the west side of Buck Jones from Farm Gate to the existing bridge overpass of I-40. Bicyclists will be accommodated with the addition of 4-foot bike lanes on both sides of Buck Jones Road beginning at Farmgate Road and extending to Xebec Way.
- **Funding:** The project is not funded for right of way acquisition and construction at this time. The City Council will discuss future bond opportunities and funding mechanisms to complete the project as opportunities are identified.
- **Assessments:** A Public Hearing will be held at some point in the future through Raleigh's City Council to authorize this project as an assessment project. Current assessments rates for the road improvements are \$32.00 per frontage foot for residentially zoned properties and \$64.00 per frontage foot for non-residentially zoned properties. There is currently no assessment for installation of sidewalks following a change in policy as directed last year by Raleigh's City Council.

Project Schedule

- Comments will be received from tonight's workshop and evaluated by the City and Design Team. Some elements may be included in the project or result in adjustments made to the project. However, we may not be able to address those in conflict with the adopted City Planning Guidelines and policies.
- Conduct a **Public Hearing** through Raleigh's City Council to approve the project and authorize assessments and right-of-way acquisition. This meeting will be held once project funding for the acquisition of right of way and construction are identified. Advanced notification will be given sufficiently prior to the determined date of the Public Hearing.
- **Complete the Final Engineering Design** for the project taking into consideration comments and direction received during the Public Hearing.
- Begin acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements to construct the project. **Right-of-way acquisition** will be scheduled to begin after the Public Hearing authorization is granted. (TBD once project funding is secured).
- Finalize and acquire necessary permits and award the construction contract of the project (TBD once project funding is secured).
- **Begin Project Construction.**
- **Complete Project Construction** (estimate 18 months duration).

Public Involvement

This meeting is a continued part of a public involvement program for the proposed project and its purpose is to address the concerns of local citizens during the design process. Participation by all interested parties is encouraged and all comments will be taken into consideration during the design of the project. The City of Raleigh will notify citizens of the Public Hearing for the project once funding sources are identified and authorized by City Council. Additional information is available on the City of Raleigh's website at www.raleighnc.gov by clicking "City Projects" or by searching "Buck Jones Road Widening" in the search bar.

A pre-addressed comment sheet is part of this handout and is for your use in providing us with your input regarding the proposed project. Please place this comment form in the box at the registration table, give it to a project team member or mail/email your comments by January 25, 2012 to:

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Thank you for attending tonight's meeting and for your attention and comments during the presentation. The City and Design Team appreciate your feedback and look forward to working with you to make this a successful project for all.

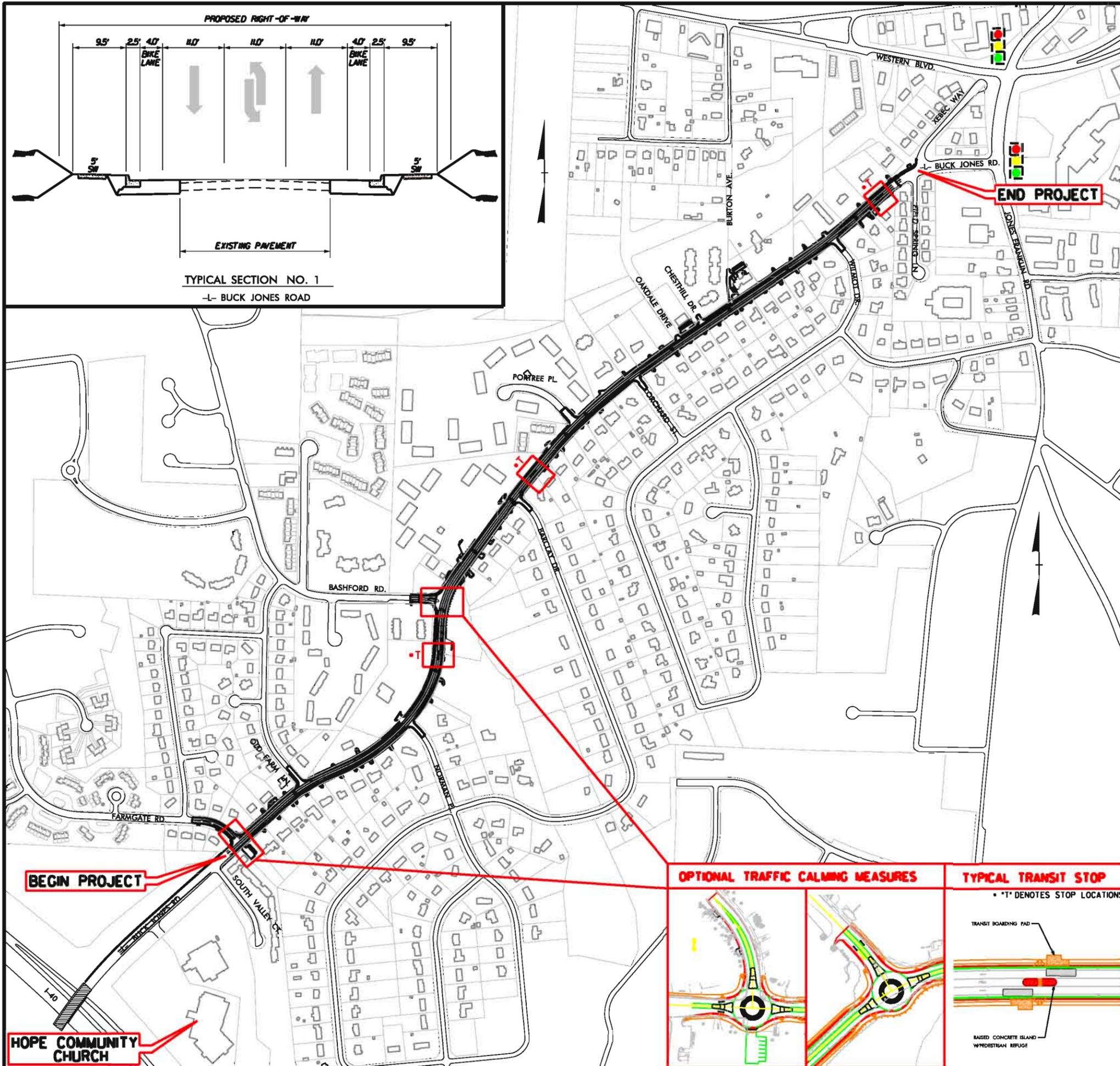
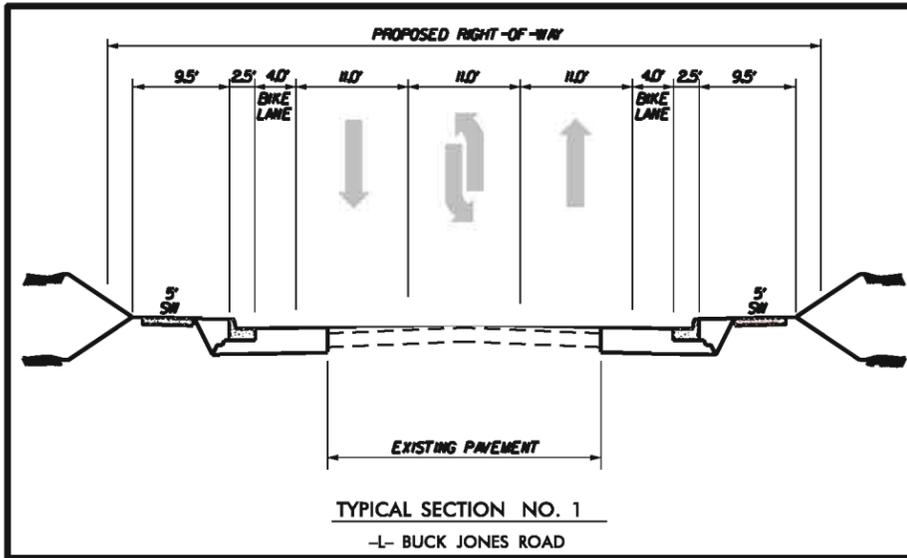
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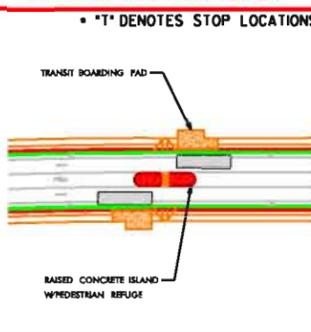
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3. ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC
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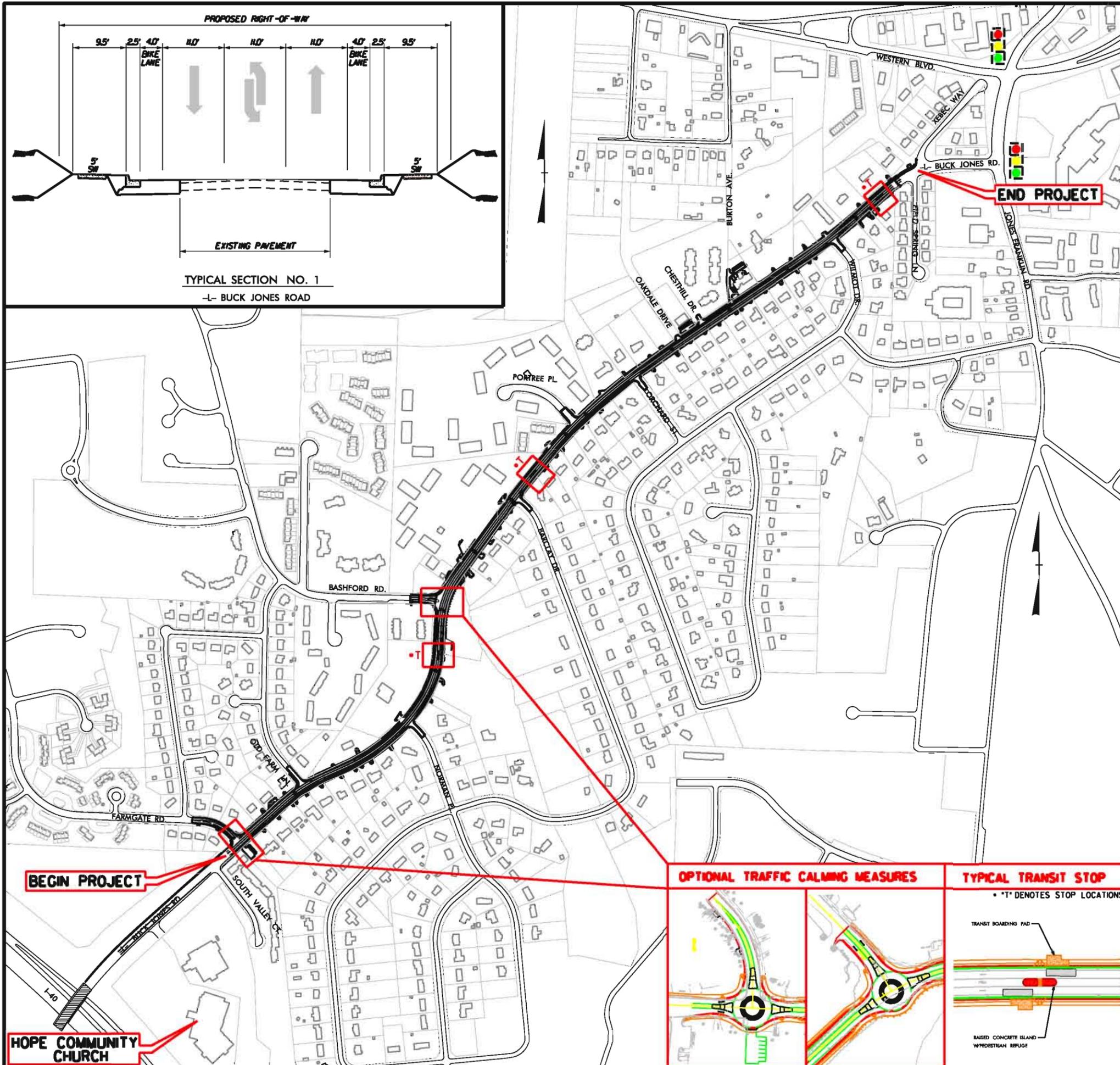
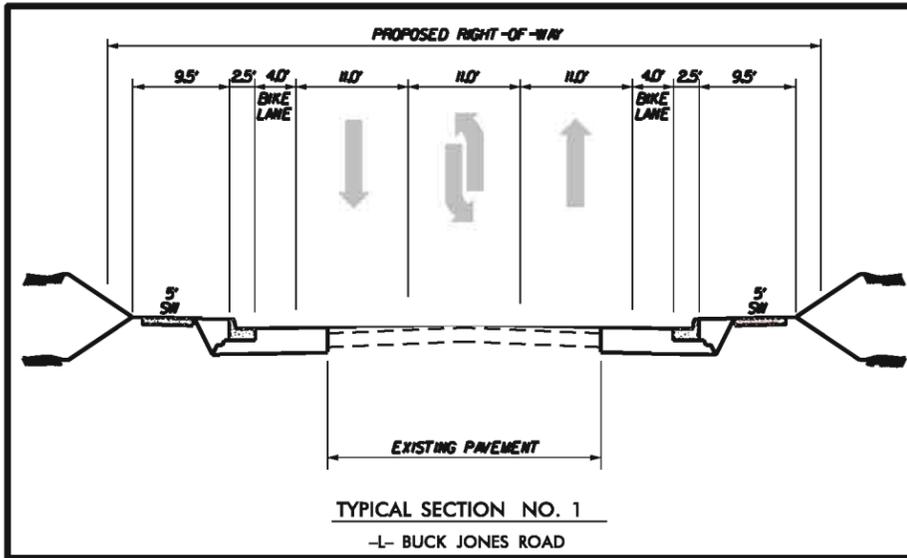
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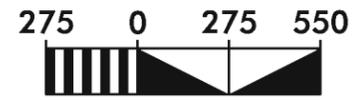
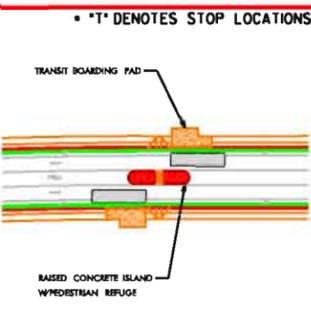
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