



65% DESIGN PUBLIC MEETING
December 3, 2009
Phase II - Falls of Neuse Road
Realignment and Widening (U-4901A)
From Raven Ridge Road to Fonville Road

Welcome!

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting for Phase II of the Falls of Neuse Road Realignment and Widening Project. This meeting, sponsored by the City of Raleigh, will provide an overview of the project, answer your questions, and gather comments for design purposes. Please feel free to review the project maps and direct questions to the project team from the City of Raleigh and from the City's design consultant, URS Corporation.

In accordance with Raleigh City Council's approval of the preliminary design of the project and direction to proceed with the design back on August 4, 2009, the project's design has been advanced to its current state of approximately 65% complete. The level of detail of the current design now encompasses all the proposed aspects of the project final design including storm drainage, utilities, right-of-way, easements, erosion control, traffic control and pavement marking layout.

The informal review will begin at 6:00 P.M. A presentation will be made at 7:00 P.M. This presentation will discuss the need for the project, describe the proposed improvements, and present the upcoming project schedule. Following the presentation, any questions or comments concerning the designs will be received by the City of Raleigh.

Project Details: The overall project calls for Falls of Neuse Road to be widened to a four (4) lane roadway with a raised median beginning south of Raven Ridge Road and continuing on existing alignment to just south of Fonville Road, tying to Phase I of the project. The project will include a 5' sidewalk on the west side and an 8' multi-use path on the east side connecting to the improvements constructed in Phase I.

Approximate Cost: The estimated construction cost of Phase II of this project is approximately \$8.6 million.

Length of Project: The project length of Phase II is approximately 1.41 miles. Adjacent connecting roadways on Phase II will be tied back into the widened Falls of Neuse. Some pavement overlay and storm drainage connections will be done to tie into the existing section of Phase I of the project just south of Fonville Road.

Purpose of the Project: The primary purposes of the proposed project are:

- **Address traffic capacity and congestion issues related to increased growth and travel demand in the northern section of Wake County.** This project was designed to provide significant traffic capacity to address the unprecedented growth that has occurred in and along this corridor for the City of Raleigh, Town of Wake Forest, and northern Wake County. This growth is placing increasing demands on the surface roadway infrastructure in this area of the county. This project was designed to address and alleviate that existing congestion along this vital regional link.
- **Improve operational safety and connectivity for all users of the corridor including vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.** The increased number of travel lanes combined with the pedestrian and cycling accommodations were planned into this project to provide a new transportation facility that is safe and addresses not only vehicular modes of transportation but encourages and facilitates other human powered modes of mobility.
- **Complete the multi-lane connection between the previously constructed section from I-540 to Raven Ridge Road and Phase I of this project near Fonville Road.** The completion of this section of the project is intended to remove an existing bottleneck from the Falls of Neuse Road corridor. With the completion of Phase II of Falls of Neuse Road a multi-lane facility will be continuous from the Wakefield Development southward down to I-540.

Proposed Typical Sections (Figure 1): The typical section for this project will be a four-lane median-divided facility. The project will include a 5-foot concrete sidewalk on the west side and an 8-foot asphalt multi-use path on the east that will connect with the sidewalk and multi-use path from Phase I, ultimately providing connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists over the Neuse River and to the Upper Neuse Greenway.

Proposed Right-Of-Way: Additional right-of-way will be acquired as needed on the east and west sides of Falls of Neuse Road in the Phase II widening section. Additional easements will be acquired as needed to construct the project's slopes, utilities, and drainage structures. The proposed typical right-of-way width will be 100-feet to encompass the proposed four (4) lane typical section. Acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements to construct the project will begin following the City Council's public hearing to approve the project.

Assessments: A formal Public Hearing will be held for Phase II through Raleigh's City Council to authorize this project as an assessable project. Assessments will be at an anticipated rate of \$6.00 per linear foot for sidewalk, while assessments for the roadway improvements will be at an anticipated rate of \$32.00 per linear foot of frontage for residentially zoned properties, and \$64.00 per linear foot of frontage for non-residentially zoned properties.

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 Raleigh City Clerks' office will notify property owners adjacent to the project of the upcoming Council Public Hearing by letter. Project real estate negotiations will commence shortly following the public hearing. Additional information is available on the City of Raleigh's website at www.raleighnc.gov under the "Current Projects" tab.

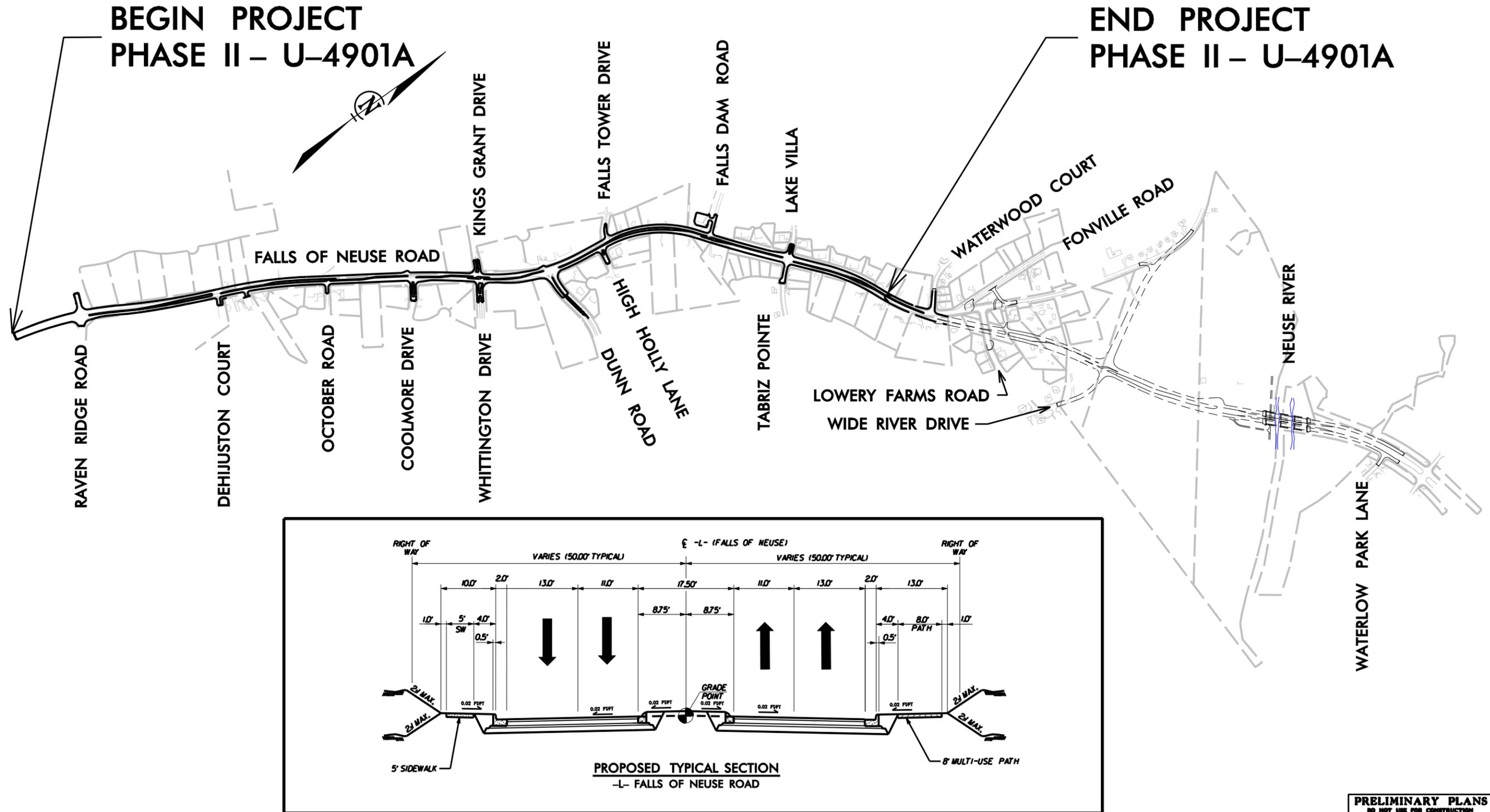
A pre-addressed comment sheet is part of this handout and is for your use in providing us with your input regarding the proposed project. Please leave the comments with a representative of the City of Raleigh, or mail your comments to Mr. Sylvester Percival at the following address by December 18, 2009:

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Thank you for your participation this evening. The City of Raleigh and the Design Team appreciate your feedback and look forward to working with you to address your comments and concerns on this important project!

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