Corridor 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

November 29, 2010

Welcome!

Welcome to the Corridor Public Meeting for the Buck Jones Road Widening project. This meeting is a continuation of the process begun in the Pre-Design Meeting held on June 24, 2010. The purpose of that previous meeting was to present the project need and openly discuss concerns, both positive and negative, concerning the project. The goal of tonight's meeting is to present the preliminary (25%) design maps for the project, so that potential impacts from the proposed project can be better seen relative to existing conditions mapped for the project. This meeting, sponsored by the City of Raleigh, is intended to gather additional public input on the design and further illustrate and discuss specific components of the project and the impacts that may occur. Please feel free to review the project maps and ask questions of 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 for questions between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. with a formal presentation immediately following. 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 conceived to address the need to embrace the concept of a "Complete Streets" facility. A "Complete Streets" approach seeks to improve and enhance all types of travel modes. These modes include vehicle traffic, but also address mass transit amenities, bicycle mobility and pedestrian accommodations. The project goal is to improve access and mobility in southwest Raleigh as well as increase safety along this minor thoroughfare. Construction of additional turn lanes, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks will serve to address those key components and at the same time improve the overall visual presentation of the corridor.
- **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.
- **Funding**: Project is not fully funded at this time. The City Council will discuss future bond opportunities to fund any remaining project costs.
- **Assessments**: A Public Hearing will be held through Raleigh's City Council to authorize this project as an assessment project. Assessments for the road and sidewalks will be at an anticipated rate of $38.00 ($32.00 for street and $6.00 for sidewalk) per frontage foot for residentially zoned properties and $70.00 ($64.00 for street and $6.00 for sidewalk) per frontage foot for non-residentially zoned properties.

Project Schedule

- Comments will be received from tonight's forum 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.
- Hold a **Design Public Meeting** to review design and right-of-way impacts. This meeting is scheduled for late spring 2011 (tentative schedule) and will include 65% design drawings, including preliminary drainage design.
- Conduct a **Public Hearing** through Raleigh's City Council to approve the project and authorize assessments and right-of-way acquisition. This meeting is scheduled for summer 2011 (tentative schedule).
- Prepare the Final Engineering Designs taking into consideration comments received at the Design Public Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Acquire right-of-way and easements necessary to construct the project. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin after the Public Hearing in summer 2011 (tentative schedule if funds are available).
- Award the construction contract of the project by summer 2012 (tentative schedule if funds are available).
- Begin construction of the project by fall 2012 (tentative schedule).
- Complete construction of the project by late fall 2013 (tentative schedule).

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 Design Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for next spring. 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 December 17, 2010 to:

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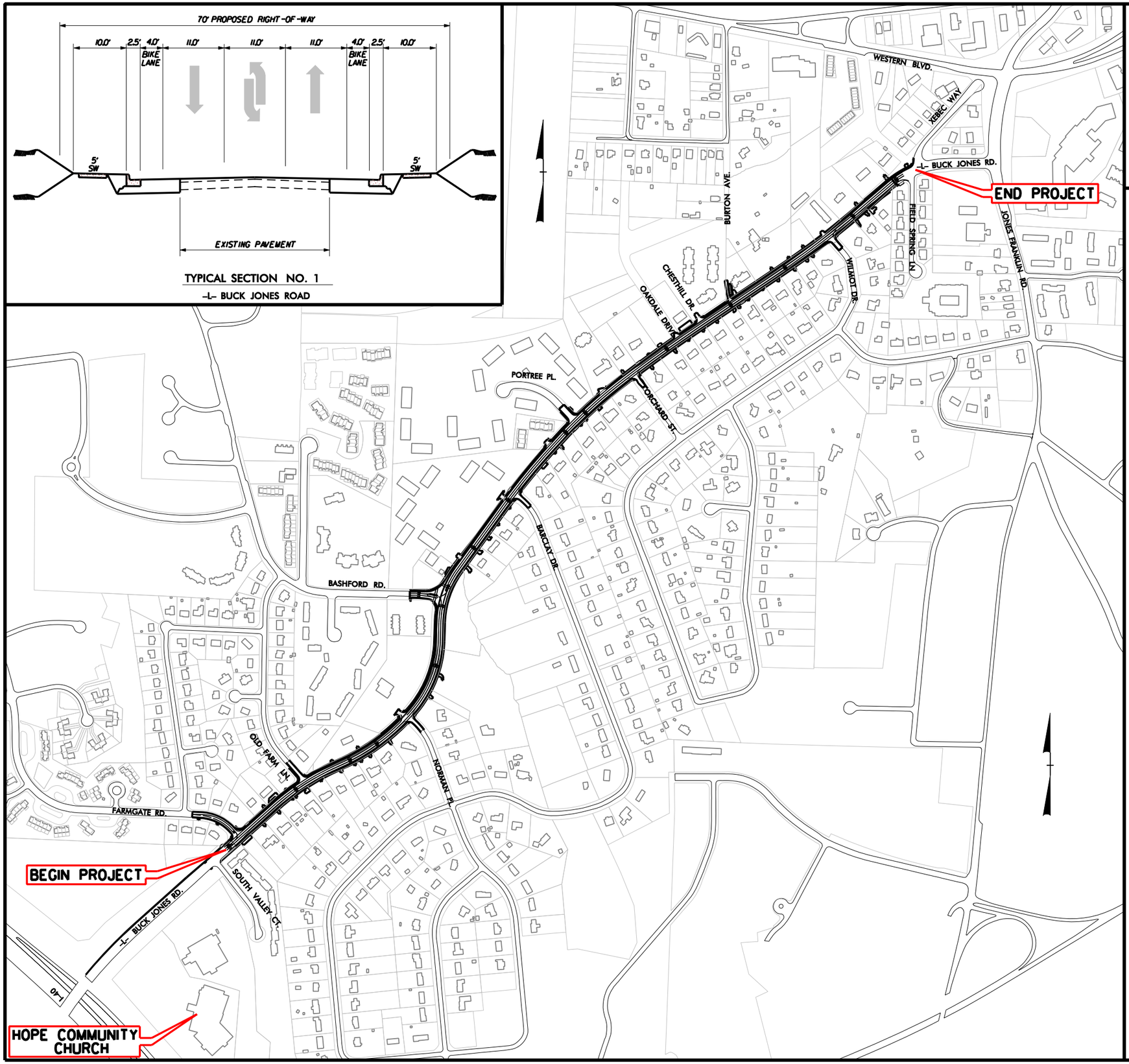
Thank you for attending tonight's meeting and for your attention and comments during the presentation. The City and Design Team appreciate your feedback and look forward to working with you to make this a successful project for all.

BUCK JONES ROAD WIDENING
FROM FARM GATE ROAD TO XEBEC WAY

CITY OF RALEIGH

TYPICAL SECTION NO. 1
-L- BUCK JONES ROAD



PROJECT DATA

1. FACILITY CLASSIFICATION - MINOR THOROUGHFARE

2. POSTED SPEED LIMIT - 35 mph

3. ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC
   2010 - 10,400 VEHICLES PER DAY
   2035 - 12,800 VEHICLES PER DAY

4. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:
   MIX OF RESIDENTIAL/MULTI-FAMILY
   HEAVY USE PUBLIC TRANSIT CORRIDOR
   INADEQUATE SIGHT DISTANCE
   TWO KNOWN FATALITIES ALONG CORRIDOR

5. PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES:
   2 LANES WITH CENTER TURN LANE
   CURB AND GUTTER - BOTH SIDES
   4' STRIPED BIKE LANES - BOTH SIDES
   5' SIDEWALKS - BOTH SIDES
   ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRANSIT STOPS

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SCALE

PRELIMINARY PLANS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

INCOMPLETE PLANS
DO NOT USE FOR R/W ACQUISITION