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EUGENE A. CONTI, JR.
SECRETARY

March 9, 2010

Mr. D. Kelly Almond
City Manager
City of Reidsville
230 West Morehead Street
Reidsville, North Carolina 27320

Dear Mr. Almond:

During the development of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan by the Transportation Planning Branch, the Department discovered that it had not implemented the city's 2001 request to reroute US 158 in a southerly direction on Freeway Drive. In addition, during the transportation planning study, the city has requested a change in the Strategic Highway Corridor designation of US 158 through Reidsville.

After a careful review, the Department is approving the city's request to reroute US 158 in a southerly direction on Freeway Drive and the re-designation of the corridor from an expressway to a boulevard as shown on the attached map. This will revert the corridor designation to that which was originally approved in 2004 granting US 158 as a boulevard from its intersection with US 220 in Guilford County to its intersection with US 29 in southern Reidsville.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Bruff, PE at 919-733-4705 or mbruff@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eugene A. Conti, Jr.
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cc: Hannah Cockburn, Piedmont Triad COG
Mike Mills, P.E., Division Engineer
Mike Bruff, P.E., Transportation Planning Branch Manager
David Wasserman, P.E., Strategic Planning Office

Appendix J

Land Use Scenarios Evaluated

US 158 in Reidsville

The Strategic Highway Corridors (SHC) Vision Plan was originally adopted by the North Carolina Board of Transportation (NCBOT) on September 2, 2004. In this plan, US 158 was designated to be improved in Rockingham County to boulevard standards from the Guilford County Line to US 29 and improved to expressway standards from US 29 to the Caswell County Line. On July 10, 2008, the SHC Vision Plan was updated by the NCBOT. Part of this update included US 158 through Rockingham County. In this updated SHC Vision Plan, US 158 was to be improved to expressway standards from the Guilford County Line, through Reidsville, to the Caswell County Line.

The City of Reidsville officials and staff were concerned about and not in support of this updated recommendation due to the following reasons: the roadway design of TIP Project U-3326 supports a boulevard from NC 14 to US 29 Business, the City of Reidsville had already agreed with NCDOT on a boulevard divided section on TIP Project U-3326, and they were not in support of the updated SHC Vision Plan that placed an expressway with no traffic signals along their primary commercial corridor of US 29 Business from US 158 to NC 14.

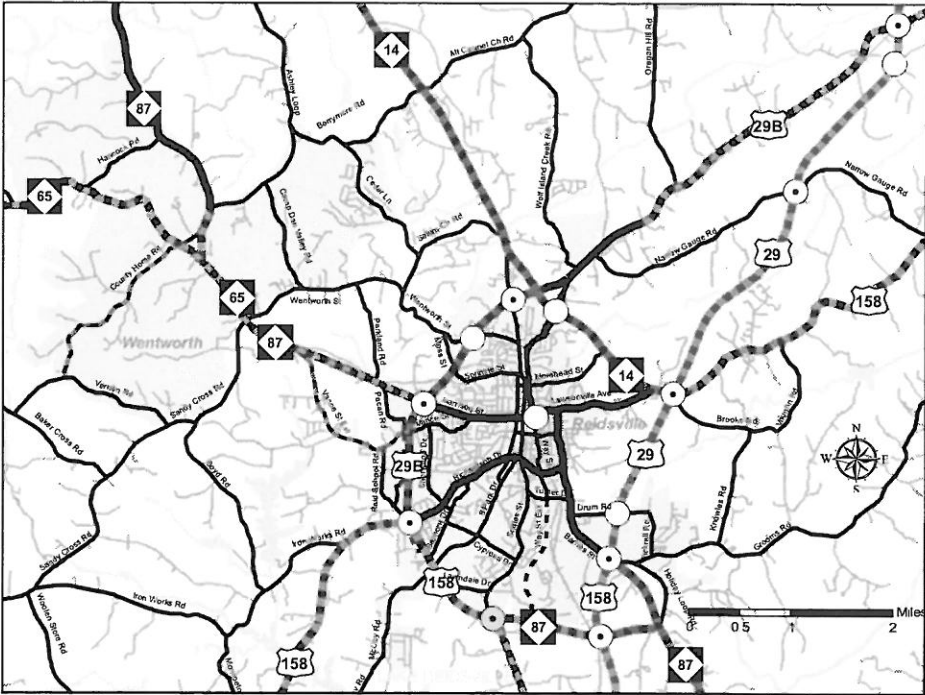
Additionally, a request was made by the City of Reidsville in 2001 to have US 158 rerouted from its current alignment along US 29 Business north to NC 14 to a new alignment from US 29 Business southeast to NC 87 (e.g. the southern connector).

To address these issues, the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch proposed two scenarios to the City of Reidsville for their consideration. Both scenarios maintained the expressway recommendation throughout Rockingham County. The first scenario was to simply reroute the expressway recommendation onto the requested re-routing of US 158 from the US 29 Business interchange to NC 87 (southern connector).

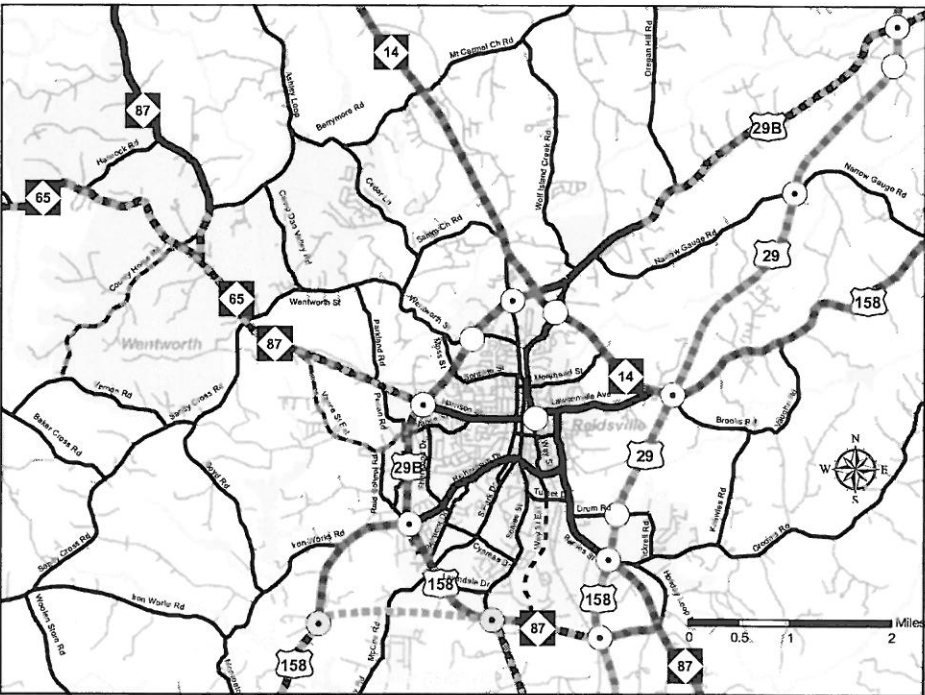
The second scenario was to propose a new route from US 158 west of Reidsville to US 29 Business, then use NC 87 (southern connector). Neither of these scenarios were acceptable to the City of Reidsville as the first scenario was still along their commercial corridor and the second scenario proposed building a new expressway in prime farmland and a non-critical watershed.

Both scenarios are mapped on the next page.

Scenario 1: Reroute US 158 onto existing NC 87 via the Southern Connector



Scenario 2: Reroute US 158 onto existing NC 87, part on new location



Rockingham County CTP Recommendations

NOTE: Recommendations from existing transportation plans are available as an addendum to the following recommendations.

Rural Rockingham County

Highway Map

The following recommendations either have capacity issues and/or are part of the Strategic Highway Corridors Initiative.

- **US 29 (Future I-785)** – It is recommended that US 29 (Future I-785) be upgraded to Interstate standards from the Caswell County Line to the Guilford County Line in accordance with the Strategic Highway Corridors (SHC) Initiative. This recommendation also includes widening the existing facility from four to six lanes from the US 29 Business interchange to the Guilford County Line.
- **US 29 Business (South)** – It is recommended that US 29 Business from the Reidsville Planning Area Boundary to US 29 (Future I-785) be upgraded from the existing two-lane facility to a four-lane facility.
- **US 158** – It is recommended that US 158 be upgraded to Boulevard standards from the Guilford County Line to US 29 south of Reidsville and upgraded to Expressway Standards from US 29 to the Caswell County Line in accordance with the SHC Initiative. The existing two and three-lane facility should be widened to a four-lane facility. It is also recommended that US 158 be rerouted from the existing US 158/US 29 Business/NC 87 Interchange southeast using the NC 87 Corridor to US 29. This recommendation includes portions of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects R-2580, U-3326, and R-2586.
- **US 220 (Future I-73)** – It is recommended that US 220 (Future I-73) be upgraded to Interstate standards from the Virginia State Line to the Guilford County Line in accordance with SHC Initiative. This recommendation includes portions of TIP Project R-2413; widening the existing two-lane facility to a four-lane facility. Interchanges are recommended at NC 65, NC 68, and SR 1128 (Sardis Church Road).
- **NC 68** – It is recommended that NC 68 from US 220 (Future I-73) to the Guilford County Line be widened from the existing two-lane facility to a divided four-lane boulevard.
- **NC 87** – It is recommended that NC 87 from the East Reidsville Planning Area Boundary to the Caswell County Line be widened from the existing two-lane facility to a divided four-lane boulevard. This recommendation includes portions of TIP Project R-2560; widening the existing two-lane facility to a four-lane facility.



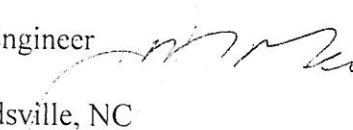
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January 8, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Michael Bruff, PE, Branch Manager
Mr. Art McMillan, PE, State Highway Design Engineer

FROM: J. M. Mills, P.E., Division Engineer 

SUBJECT: Rerouting of US 158 in Reidsville, NC

In November 2001, we received a request from Representative Nelson Cole, the City of Reidsville and a Resolution of support from the City of Reidsville, for the rerouting of US 158, to a southerly direction on US 29 Business (Freeway Drive) to connect with the existing five lane "southern connector" and eventually, to US 29 in Reidsville.

In February 2002, we notified the City of Reidsville that we had completed our investigation, and concur with this request for the rerouting of US 158. Attached is a letter from our then Division Traffic Engineer, Mr. Vance Barham.

We also advised the City that due to the signing cost involved, and also with the existing substandard interchange, that this rerouting would not occur until the construction of the TIP project U-3326 (Freeway Drive), and this rerouting would be incorporated into the construction project.

In retrospect, it appears that we advised everyone of this decision except for your two departments.

Please accept my apology for this oversight, and advise how we can assist in seeing that this rerouting of US 158 along the southern section of Freeway Drive does occur with the construction of the TIP U-3326 project.

If you have any questions, or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

JMM/jm
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Cc: Mike Fox
Debbie Barbour
Jim Speer
Andy Bailey
Patty Eason
Paul Ingram






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February 10, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael Bruff, P.E.
Branch Manager

FROM: J. M. Mills, P.E. 
Division Engineer

SUBJECT: Reclassification of US 158 in Rockingham County

Attached is a resolution from the Reidsville City Council as well as the *Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan Revision Request* completed by Hannah Cockburn, Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization, for the proposed reclassification of US 158 from an expressway to a boulevard located in Rockingham County.

Please accept my apology in the delay of providing this information. If you have any questions, or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

JMM/jm
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Cc: Mike Fox
Andy Bailey
Paul Ingram
Hannah Cockburn

