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WINSTON SALEM NORTHERN BELTWAY

FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Description


The Winston-Salem Northern Beltway is a multi-lane freeway that will loop around the northern part of Winston-Salem. By building this road, NCDOT will help alleviate congestion and enhance safety along heavily traveled routes such as Business 40 and U.S. 52 in Forsyth County.


The project begins at U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem and ends at U.S. 311 southeast of the city. The total length of the project is 34.2 miles. Environmental studies for the project are complete, and design work is currently under way.


The Beltway is made up of three sections. The portion from U.S. 158 to U.S. 52 is known as the "western section," or State Transportation Improvement Program project R-2247. The section from U.S. 52 to U.S. 421/Business 40 is known as the "eastern section," or STIP project U-2579. The section from U.S. 421/Business 40 to U.S. 311 is the "eastern section extension," or STIP Project U-2579A.


The Northern Beltway is consistent with state and local land use and transportation plans, as well as the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund Act. The Act, enacted in 1989 and amended in subsequent years, establishes a funding stream for [urban loops](#), which includes the Beltway.


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 [Protective Corridors: What that really means to you](#)


 [Transportation Corridor Official Map Act \(General Statute\)](#)


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 [Ruling - Press Release](#)

Eastern Section Corridor Now Protected

Project Map



 [Project Map](#) (1.25 MB)

Project Fast Facts

☐ **County:** Forsyth

☐ **Type of Project:** Multi-lane freeway on new location

☐ **STIP Number:** U-2579, R-2247

☐ **Estimated Cost:** \$1,080 Million

☐ **Property Acquisition Start:** TBD

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On Nov. 26, 2008, a corridor protection map for the eastern section of the Beltway (from U.S. 52 to U.S. 311) went into effect. Building is now restricted in the corridor in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 136-44, Article 2E. To view the Transportation Corridor Official Map, which shows the protected corridor, see the project map below.

 [Project Map](#) (1.25 MB)

### **Project Overview and Purpose**

The purpose for building the entire Beltway includes:

- Improving roadway connectivity in eastern and western Forsyth County;
- Providing congestion relief for area roadways;
- Expanding options for regional/intrastate/interstate travel;
- Helping meet the state and local land use and transportation plans; and
- Helping fulfill the Highway Trust Fund Act.

### **Eastern Section (TIP Projects U-2579 & U2579A)**

Constructing this section of the Beltway will meet these key points:

- Improving intrastate and interstate mobility;
- Improving roadway system linkage and continuity;
- Reducing traffic congestion and carrying future traffic at a desirable level of service;
- Enhancing safety; and
- Providing a corridor for I-74 (a congressionally designated High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System).


### **Western Section (TIP Project R-2247)**

Constructing this section of the Beltway will meet these key points:

- Improving north/south connectivity in western Forsyth County;
- Providing improved direct connections to U.S. 52, U.S. 421 and I-40; and
- Providing congestion relief for area roadways.

 [Project History](#)

### **Project Highlights**


On Sept. 15, 2008, a letter was sent to property owners in the U-2579B project area to announce delays in the right-of-way acquisition for the project because of the 2008 lawsuit.  [Click here](#) to see that letter.

### **Newsletters**

 [July 2008 Newsletter](#) 1 MB

 [2007-2001 Newsletters](#) 2.2 MB

### **Workshops & Handouts**


 [August 2008 Public Hearing Handout](#) 1.4 MB

 [2004 - 2001 Handouts](#) 2.2 MB


### **Environmental Documents**

The Record of Decision (ROD) marks the conclusion of the project's environmental studies and responds to comments regarding the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS/FEIS).

The ROD was approved in February 2008.

 [Record of Decision \(ROD\)](#) 4 MB

Below, you will find the January 2007 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for Project R-2247, as well as the Final Environmental Impact Statement for projects U-2579 and U-2579A. To request a CD, please [click here](#).

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Below, you will find the 2004 Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for Project R-2247, as well as the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Project U-2579 & U-2579A.

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Below, you will find the 2004 Combined Environmental Public Hearing Maps for TIP projects R-2247, U-2579 and U-2579A.

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 [Other Alternatives](#) 74MB  
U-2579A

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**Resources for Local Property Owners**

In many cases, it is inevitable that a certain amount of private property must be acquired. The displacement of homes and businesses is minimized to the extent practicable. The following brochures will answer questions about this process.

 [Relocation Assistance Brochure](#)

 [Asistencia para Reubicación](#)

 [Right-of-Way Acquisition FAQs](#)

 [Preguntas Comunes - Adquisición de Bienes Raíces](#)

