



US 60 Corridor Study

March 26, 2019

Public Information Presentation





AGENDA



- 1. US 60 Study Scope and Goals
- 2. Arterial Management and Safety
- 3. US 60 Existing Arterial Conditions
- 4. Draft Recommendations Overview
- 5. Public Input



Study Participants



The following agencies comprise the list of Study Participants for this effort. Representatives from each agency were invited to the US 60 Corridor Study Stakeholder Meetings and provided guidance and input to VDOT and the study consultant during the planning process.

- Powhatan County
- Cumberland County
- Nelson County
- Appomattox County
- Buckingham County
- Amherst County
- Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

- Commonwealth Regional Council
- Central Virginia Planning
 District Commission
- Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
- Virginia Department of Transportation
- Michael Baker International (study consultant)



Purpose of Study



To identify recommendations for priority intersections and segments along the corridor that ensure safety while preserving and improving the capacity of US 60 without wide scale road widenings while also accommodating economic development

The Study will identify recommendations to:

- Result in a safer corridor
- Preserve and enhance corridor capacity and efficiency
- Maintain Commonwealth's mobility & thus economic competitiveness
- Lower long-term infrastructure capital and maintenance costs



Scope of Work Key Points



- 1. The Study will analyze intersections and 14 miles of segments along the corridor for the development of detailed recommendations. Study locations to be determined by:
 - a. Historic traffic volumes
 - b. Potential for safety improvement (PSI) score (As calculated by VDOT)
 - c. Crash history
 - d. Stakeholder input
- 2. The Study assumes a horizon year of 2040. The horizon year represents the last year of the projection period for need determinations.
- 3. Arterial Preservation techniques will be applied where feasible in accordance with VDOT's Arterial Preservation Program
- 4. The Study will identify opportunities to improve roadway geometrics and access management
- 5. The Study will address the existing and future capacity of US 60
- 6. In response to citizen feedback received through the public input process, VDOT requested the completion of a Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) for the two-lane segment of US 60 between US 522 and State Route 601





A portion of US 60 study corridor lies on VDOT's Arterial Preservation Network:



This segment will be analyzed in accordance with VDOT's Arterial Preservation

Program - http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/vdot arterial preservation program.asp







To preserve and enhance the capacity of arterials and VDOT maintained routes of the National Highway System while ensuring that:

- Mainline through traffic is served with priority
- Access points and traffic controls do not degrade travel speed and safety
- Safety is improved

Preservation and enhancement strategies will promote the use of innovative transportation solutions that minimize delays for through traffic and improve safety while considering local economic development goals.

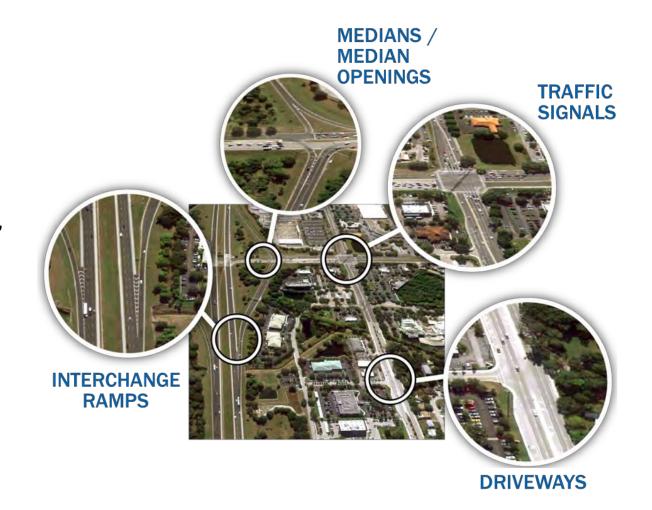


Access Management



What is Access Management?

Access management involves the location, spacing, and design of driveways, medians, median openings, traffic signals, and interchanges



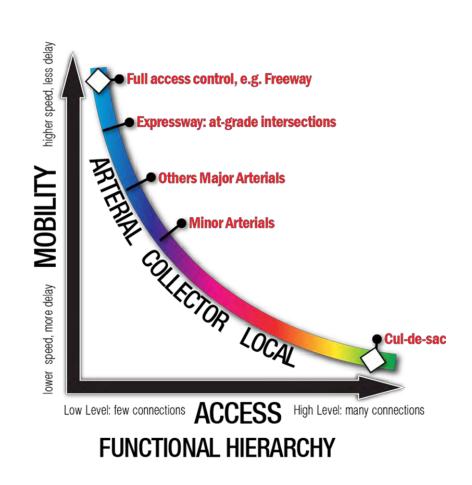


Access Management



Guiding Principles

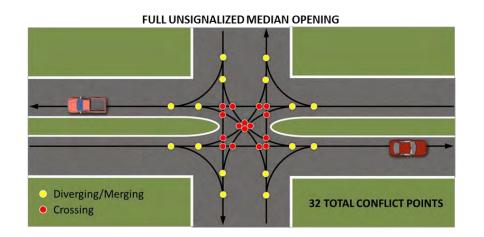
- Limit the number of conflict points
- Separate conflict points
 - Reduce the number of median openings
 - Provide directional median openings
 - Improve driveway design
 - Consolidate driveways to reduce frequency
- Look at conflict points from a network perspective

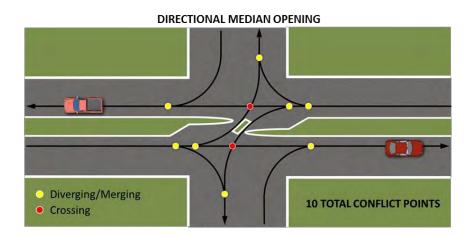




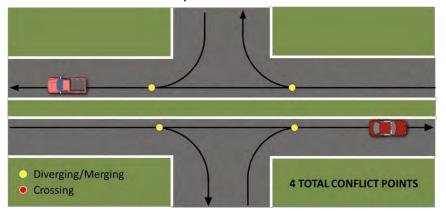


Access Management – Conflict Points





RIGHT-IN/RIGHT-OUT DRIVEWAY

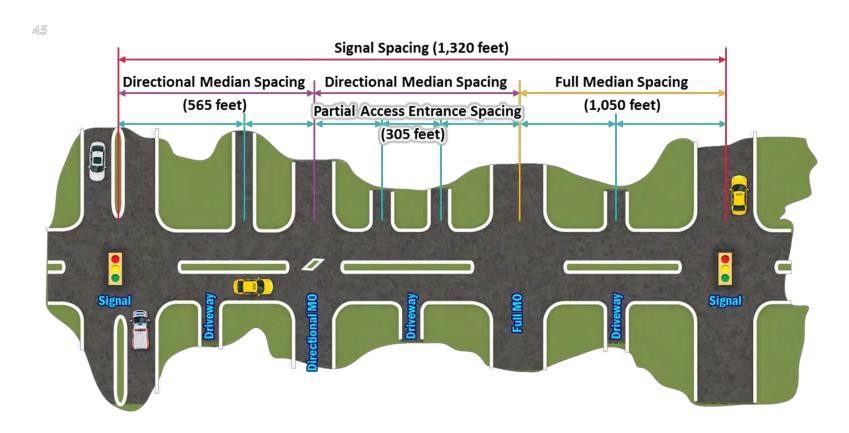






Access Management Guidelines

• VDOT Spacing Standards (35-45 MPH Principal Arterial)









Increased Signal Spacing Benefits

- Improves traffic flow
- Reduces congestion
- Improves air quality

Signals per Mile	Increase in Travel Time (%)
2	4
3	9
4	16
5	23
6	29
7	34
8	39

Signals per Mile	Crashes per Million VMT
Under 2	3.53
2 to 4	6.89
4 to 6	7.49
6+	9.11

Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/access_mgmt/docs/benefits_am_trifold.htm

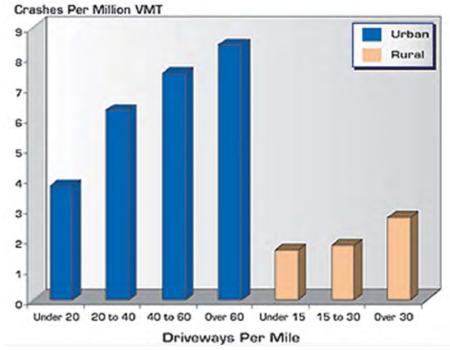






Increased Driveway Spacing Benefits

- Reduces number of potential conflicts
- Increases roadway speeds
- Reduces the rate of car crashes



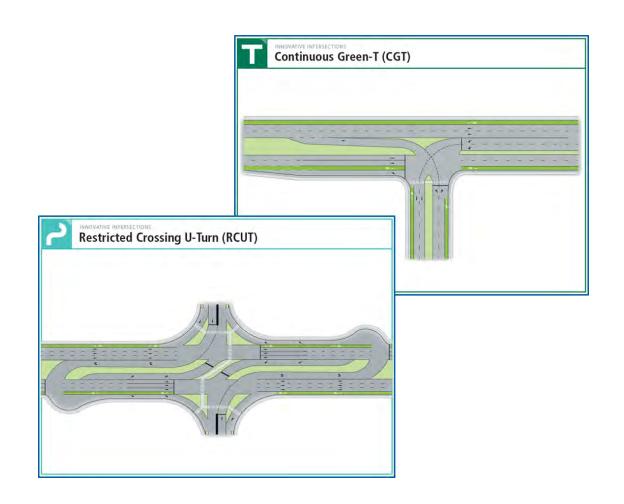
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- Designs where traffic movements are modified to:
 - Improve safety
 - Reduce delay
 - Increase efficiency
- Can reduce delays and crashes as much as 50%
- Also known as:
 - Alternative
 - Non-traditional
 - Unconventional
 - Reduced Conflict





Arterial PreservationInnovative Intersection Fundamentals



Re-Route Left Turn Movements

 More efficiently serves through traffic





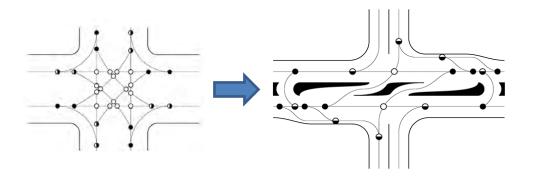
Reduce Signal Phases

Reduces delay



Remove and Separate Conflicts

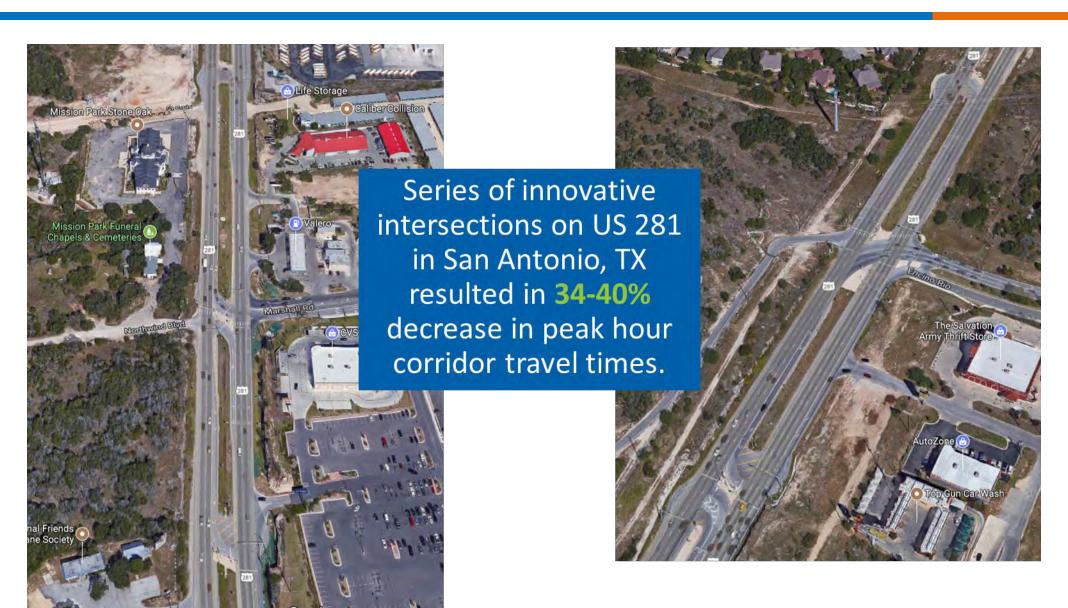
Improves Safety













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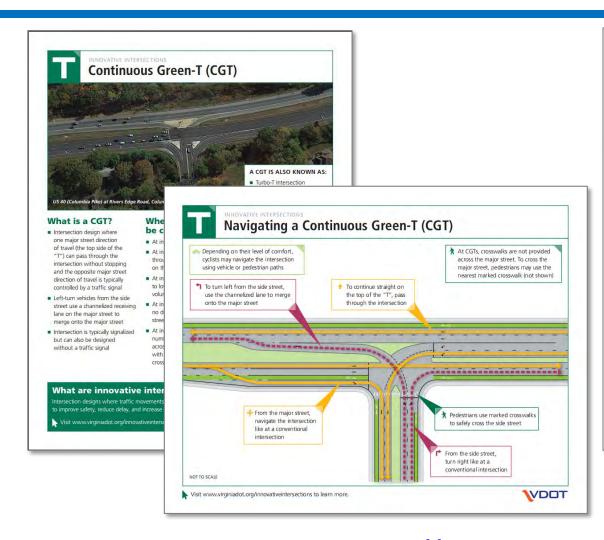


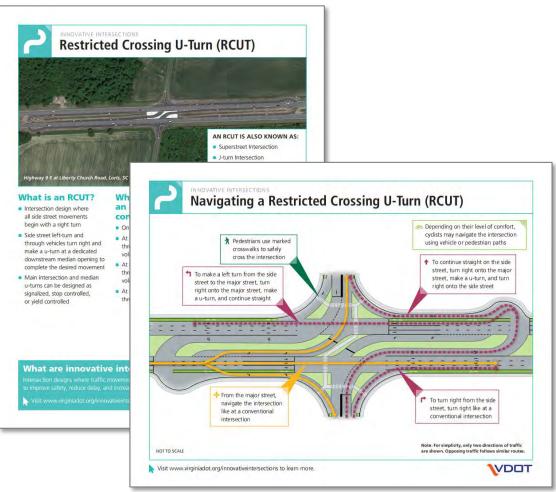












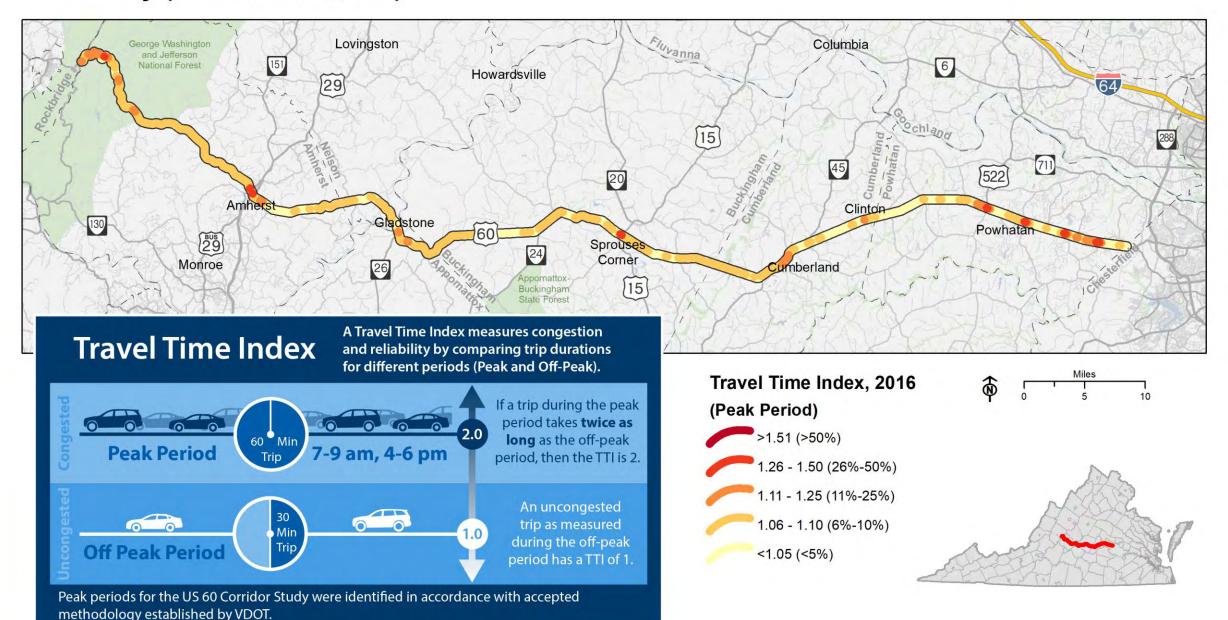
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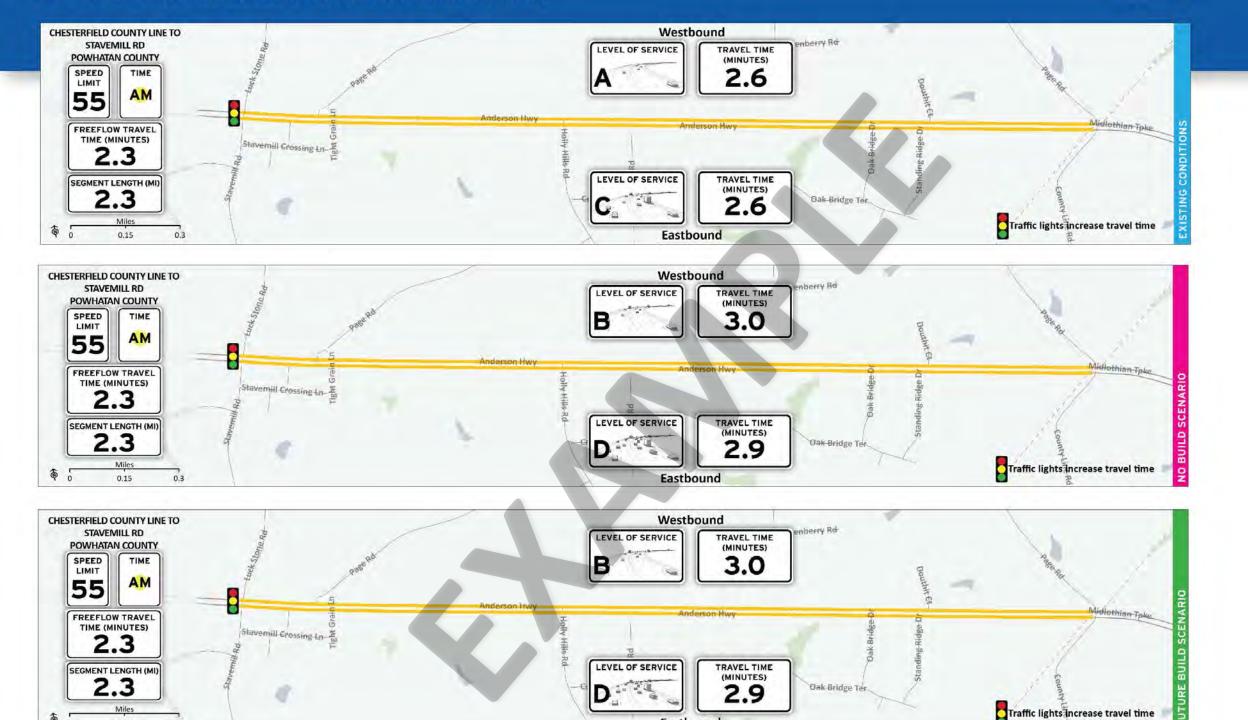


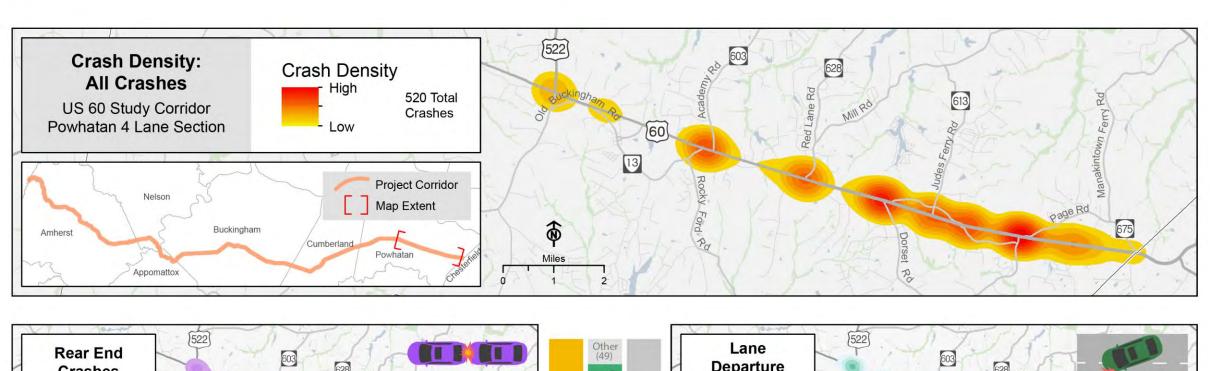


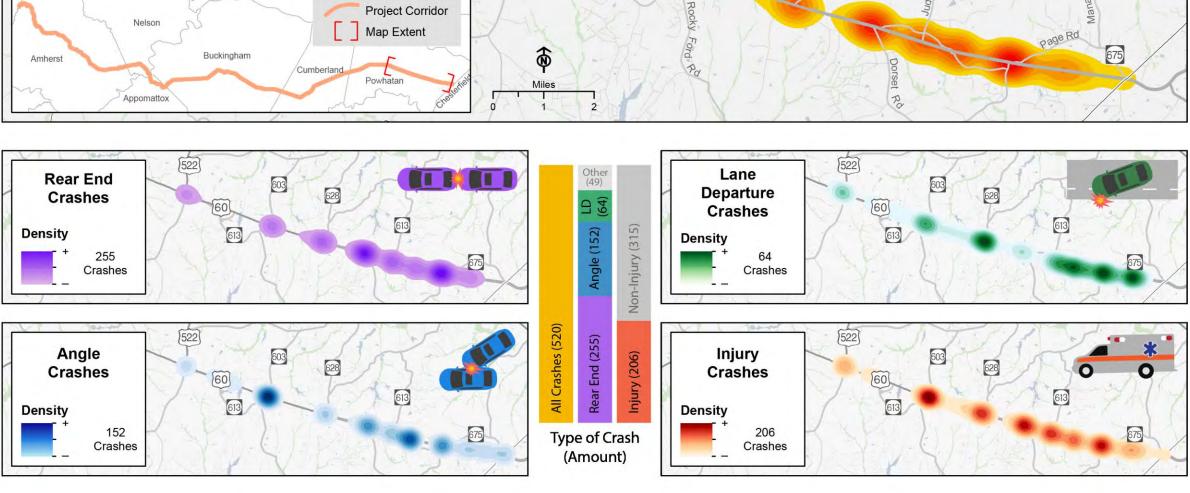
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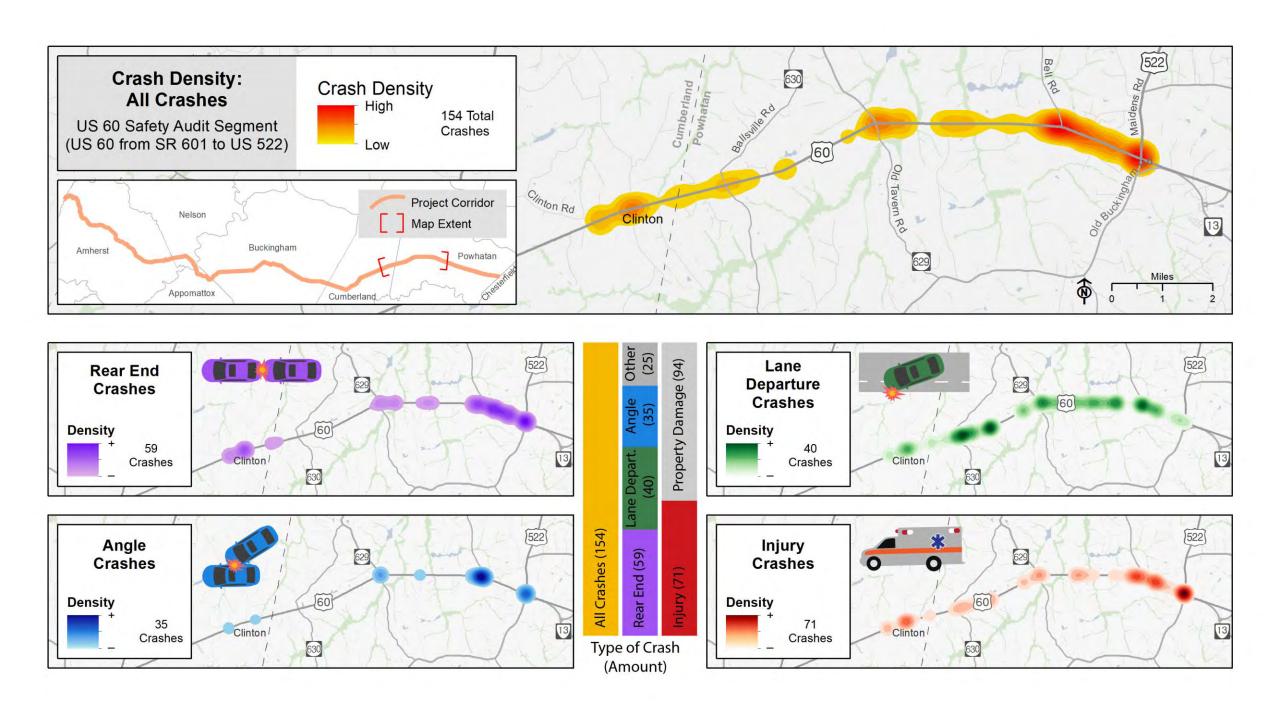
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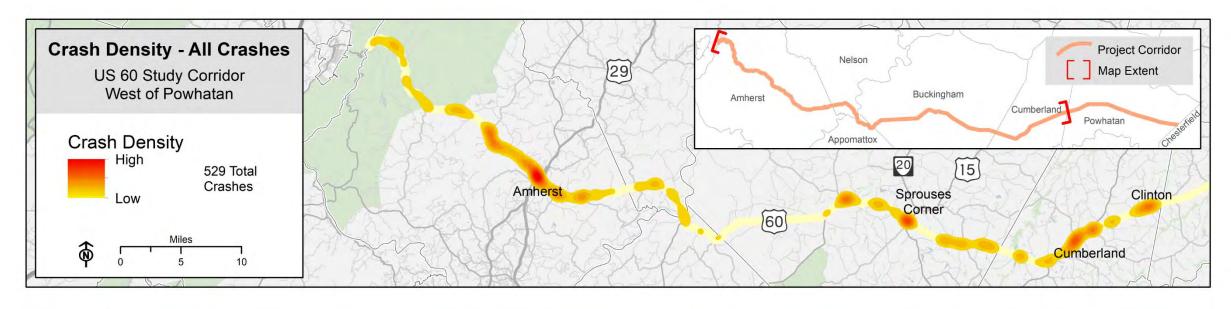


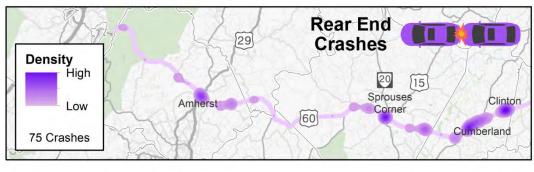


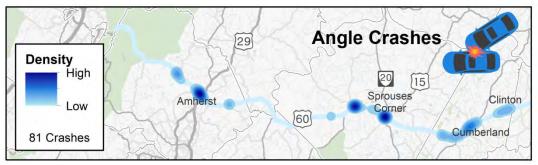


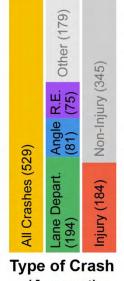




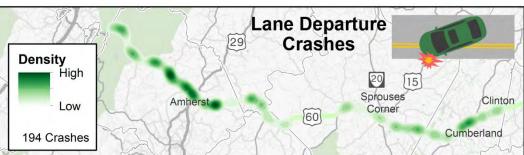


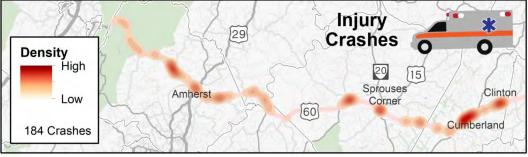












Two public meetings were held in July 2019 to identify **All Commented Points** Goochland concerns along the corridor. 116 attendees participated. 64 29 Nelson 57 comments were received. Amherst Buckingham **Summarized Comments** Howardsville Appomattox 29 151 288 71 522 Amhers Clinton Gladstone 130 60 Sprouses Corner Monroe Cumberland 15

- 1. Turn lanes throughout Powhatan's four lane segment were marked as being too short.
- The intersections at Luck Stone Road, Jude's Ferry Road, and Dorset Road were identified as areas of congestion. Signals at these locations were noted as having insufficient green time.
- The intersection at Old Buckingham Road, the intersections of Holly Hills Road and Dogwood Road, and the merge point at Pocahontas Middle School were noted as having safety issues.
- 4. The intersection at Old Tavern Road/Trenholm Road was highlighted as a major concern. Comments noted the lack of turn lanes, poor visibility, high speeds, and access issues as the primary factors in the safety issues at this intersection.
- 5. The intersections of Ballsville Road, Northfield Road, and Mt Rush Highway were identified as having safety concerns. Movement issues within Cumberland, Sprouses Corner, and the Town of Amherst were noted as needing improvement.
- The uncertainty of the landfill site and its impact on US 60.

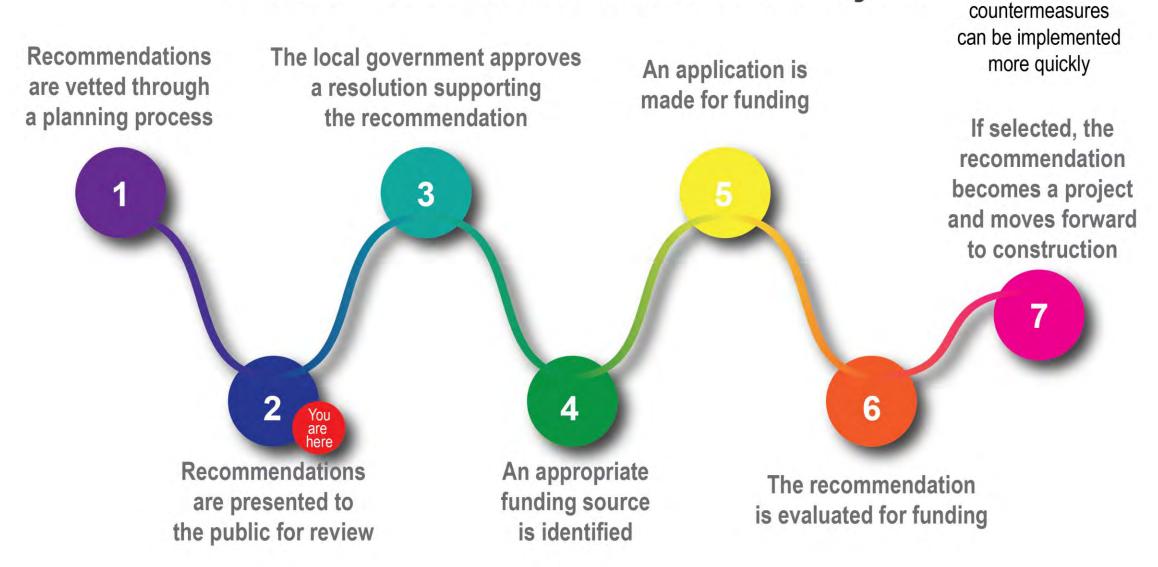




Draft Recommendations Overview

From a Recommendation to a Project

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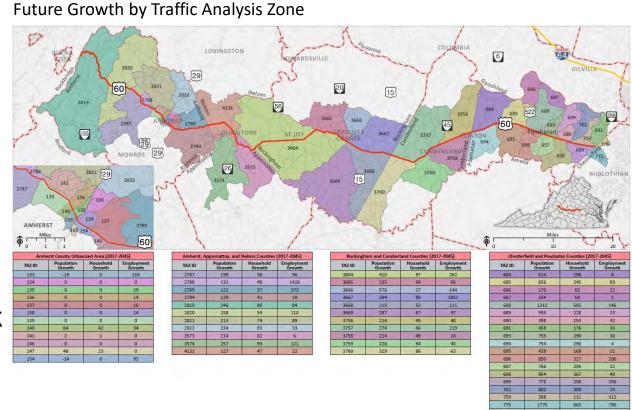


Development of Recommendations



Taken into account:

- Existing conditions
 - Traffic
 - Safety
- Future land use
- Travel demand model
- Public comments / stakeholder feedback
- Planned improvements





Preliminary Recommendations Overview



- Recently Completed, Previously Planned, and Approved Recommendations
- Powhatan County Recommendations
 - S Creek One and Batterson Rd
 - Jude's Ferry Rd and New Dorset Rd
 - Batterson Rd and Dorset Rd
 - Red Lane
 - Maidens Rd/US 522
 - Two-Lane Section Roadway Safety Audit
- Cumberland County
 - Stoney Point Rd to Cartersville Rd
 - Route 45 and US 60
- Buckingham County
 - Rosney Rd to Cumberland County Line
 - Route 15 and US 60
 - Mount Rush Hwy to James River Hwy
- Amherst County
 - Route 29 and US 60
 - Lowesville Road to E Monitor Rd



Preliminary Recommendations Overview



Previously Planned and Approved Recommendations

Powhatan County

- Additional turn-lanes at Stavemill Rd with US 60
- Old Buckingham Rd and Academy Road Restrict Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) with US 60
- Carter Gallier Boulevard Extension
- Additional turn-lane at Jude's Ferry Rd with US 60 UPC 115414

Buckingham County

Intersection Improvements at Rte. 56 with US 60 – UPC 109704

Town of Amherst

US 60 and sidewalk improvements from Main St to Washington St

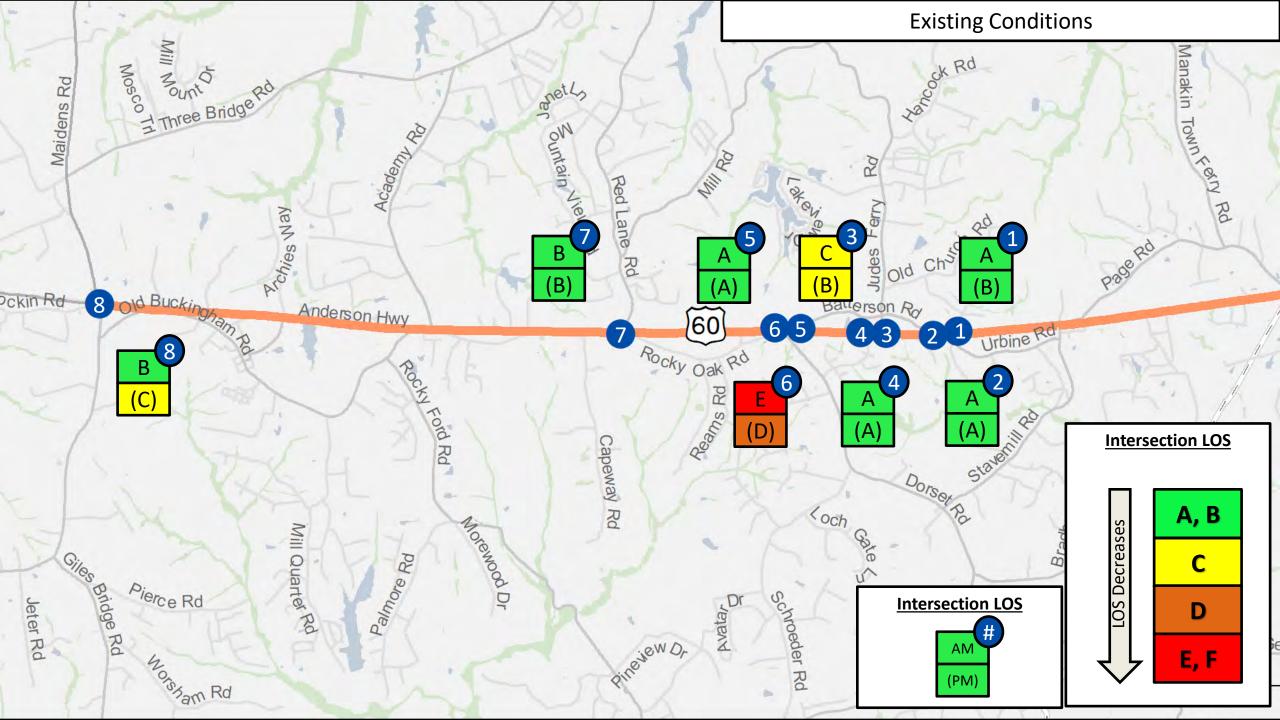


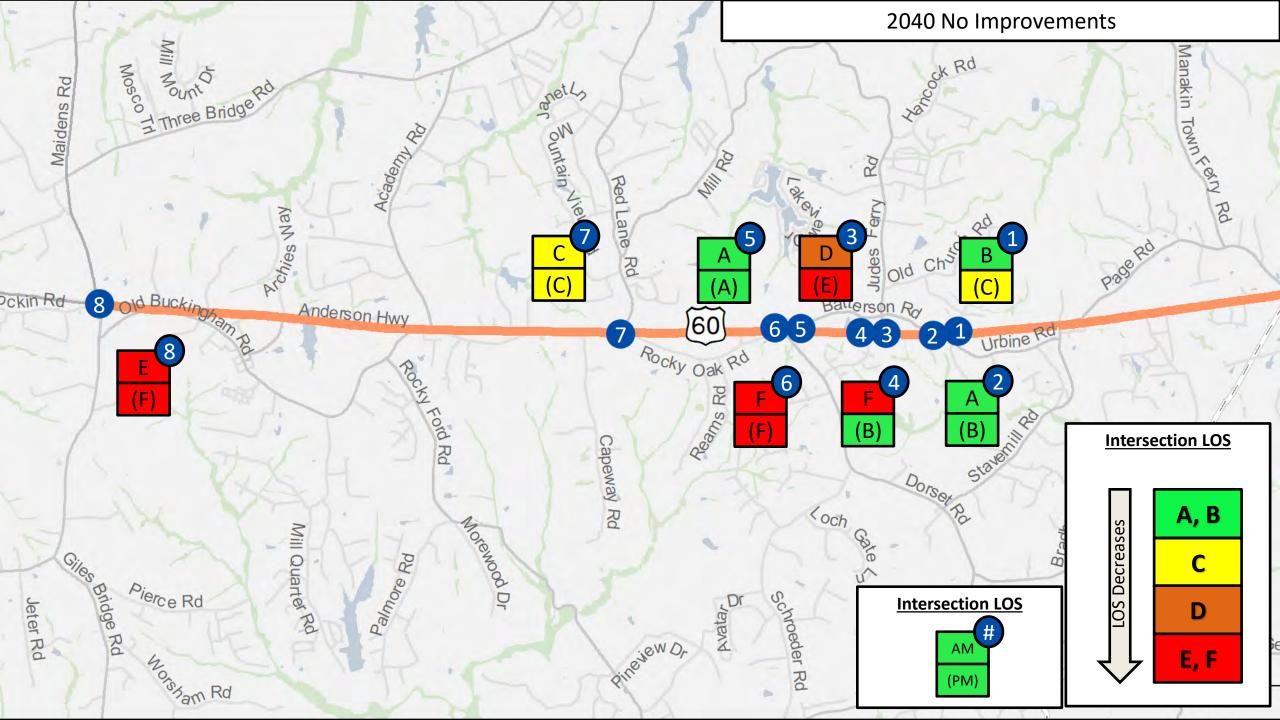
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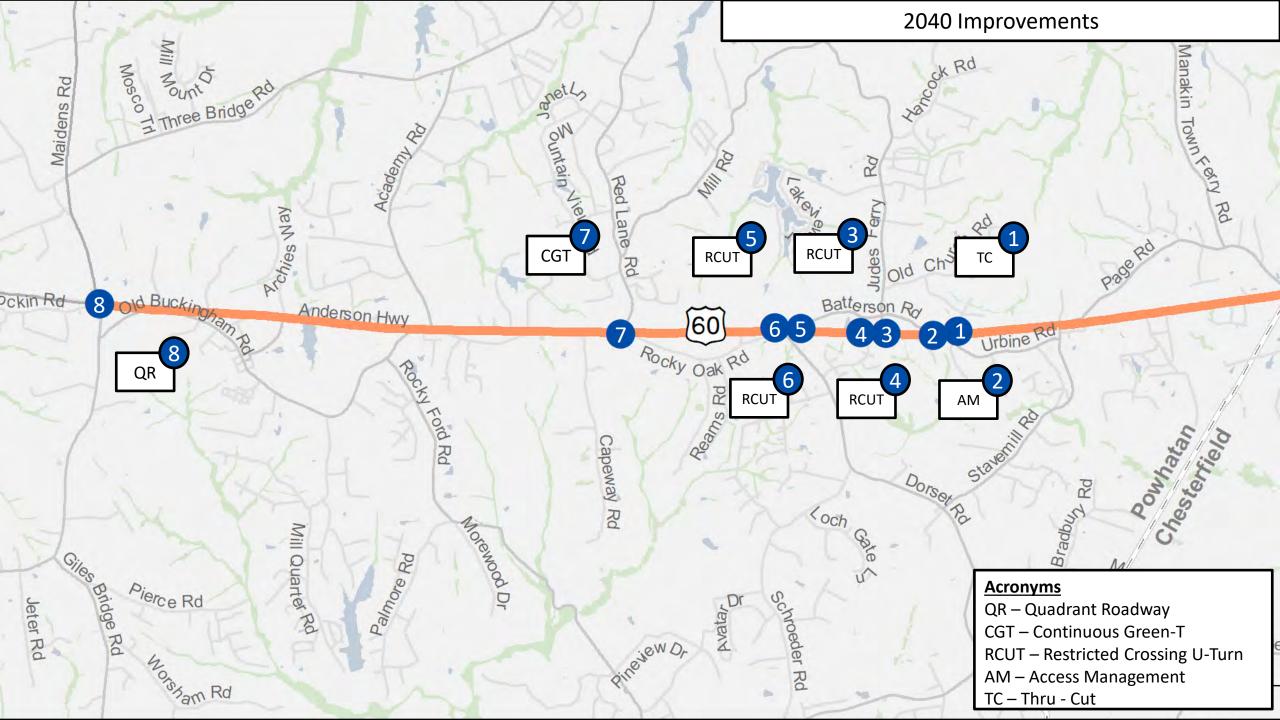




All Powhatan County recommendations have undergone a review by Emergency Medical Services and School Transportation.









Route 60 Arterial Management Plan Intersection: US 60 and New Dorset Rd US 60 and Jude's Ferry Rd **Powhatan County**

Recommendation: Convert the intersections of US 60 with New Dorset Road and Jude's Ferry Road into Restricted Crossing Uturns (RCUT). The intersection with New Dorset Road will have two westbound left-turn lanes, the innermost lane will be used for U-turn movements. The Jude's Ferry Rd intersection improvement will take advantage of the currently funded eastbound left-turn lane project to increase capacity.

ROW Impacts: The New Dorset Rd continuous right-turn lane onto US 60 will require some ROW

Improvement Type: Safety, Travel Time Preservation

Traffic Operations & Safety:

New Dorset Rd & US 60: Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	9.8s - A	(3.4s - A)
2040 No Improvements	51.5s - F	(11.2s - B)
2040 with Improvements	14.3s - B	(8s - A)

Intersection Delay (s/veh) - Level of Service

Ratterson Rd & IIS 60-

Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	0.2s - A	(0.7s - A)
2040 No Improvements	0.6s - A	(1.4s - A)
2040 with Improvements	2.5s - A	(17.6s - B)
Intersection Delay (s/s	rehit – Level of	Service

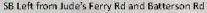
Anticipated Safety Benefits

- RCUTs provide a 54% reduction in injury and fatal crashes (FHWA)
- · Reduces left turn conflicts

Cost: \$2.8M to \$4.6M

2020 Cost Estimates

Standard Movements







Route 60 Arterial Management Plan Intersection: US 60 and Dorset Rd; US 60 and Batterson Rd Powhatan County

Recommendation: Reconfigure the intersection of US 60 and Dorsett Road to a Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) with two northbound right-turn lanes. Reconfigure the minor approaches at the intersection of US 60 and Batterson Road to only allow rights-in and rights-out and reconfigure the crossover at this intersection to allow eastbound U-turns. Construct a westbound U-turn area approximately 400 feet west of the intersection of US 60 and Dorsett Road.

ROW Impacts: All improvements are within the ROW

Improvement Type: Safety, Operations, Travel Time Preservation

Traffic Operations & Safety:

US 60 & Dorset Rd: Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	142.6s - F	(45.5s - D)
2040 No Improvements	98.8s - F	(126.3s - F)
2040 with Improvements	19s - B	(27.5s - C)
Intersection Delay (s/v	eh) - Level of	Service

US 60 & Batterson Rd:

Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	0.2s - A	(0.7s - A)
2040 No Improvements	0.6s - A	(1.4s - A)
2040 with Improvements	2.5s - A	(17.6s - B)
Intersection Delay (s/v	veh) - Level of	Service

Anticipated Safety Benefits

- Reduced conflict points where vehicles cross paths
- RCUTs reduce injury and fatal crashes up to 54% (FHWA)

Cost: Cost: \$3.6M to \$6.1M 2020 Cost Estimates



Standard Movements

SB Lefts from Dorset Rd and Batterson Rd

NB Left from Dorset Rd



Route 60 Arterial Management Plan Intersection: US 60 and Red Lane Rd Powhatan County

Recommendation: Reconfigure intersection of US 60 and Red Lane Rd to Continuous Green-T (CGT).

ROW Impacts: All improvements are within the ROW

Improvement Type: Safety, Travel Time Preservation

Traffic Operations & Safety:

Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	16.4s - B	(22.9s - C)
2040 No Improvements	29.6s - C	(25.7s - C)
2040 with Improvements	11.3s - B	(19.7s - B)

Intersection Delay (s/veh) – Level of Service

Anticipated Safety Benefits

- Reduced conflict points where vehicles cross paths.
- Reduced risk of angle crashes from Red Lane Rd onto US 60 eastbound.

Cost: \$1.0M to \$2.0M 2020 Cost Estimates

Standard Movements



Route 60 Arterial Management Plan Intersection: US 60 and Maidens Rd/Emmanuel Church Rd Powhatan County

Recommendation: Implement a combination of a Quadrant Roadway (QR), Roundabout, and CGT. Reconfigure the intersection of Maidens Road and US 60 to permit thru and right turn movements only. Construct a roundabout on Maidens Rd and construct a Quadrant Roadway in the northeast corner of the intersection that connects the Roundabout to US 60. Also, construct a Continuous Green-T (CGT) intersection at the tie-in point of the QR with US 60.

ROW Impacts: The Roundabout and Quadrant Roadway will require significant ROW

Improvement Type: Safety, Operations, Travel Time Preservation

Traffic Operations & Safety:

Operating Condition	AM	PM	
Existing 2019	43s - D	(48.3s - D)	
2040 No Improvements	63.1s - E	(87.1s - F)	
2040 with Improvements	30.7s - C	(28.4s - C)	
Intersection Delay (s/yeh) – Level of Service			

Anticipated Safety Benefits

 The proposed concept can reduce intersection-related injury crashes up to 40% (FHWA)

Cost: \$10.3M to \$17.1M 2020 Cost Estimates



Standard Movements

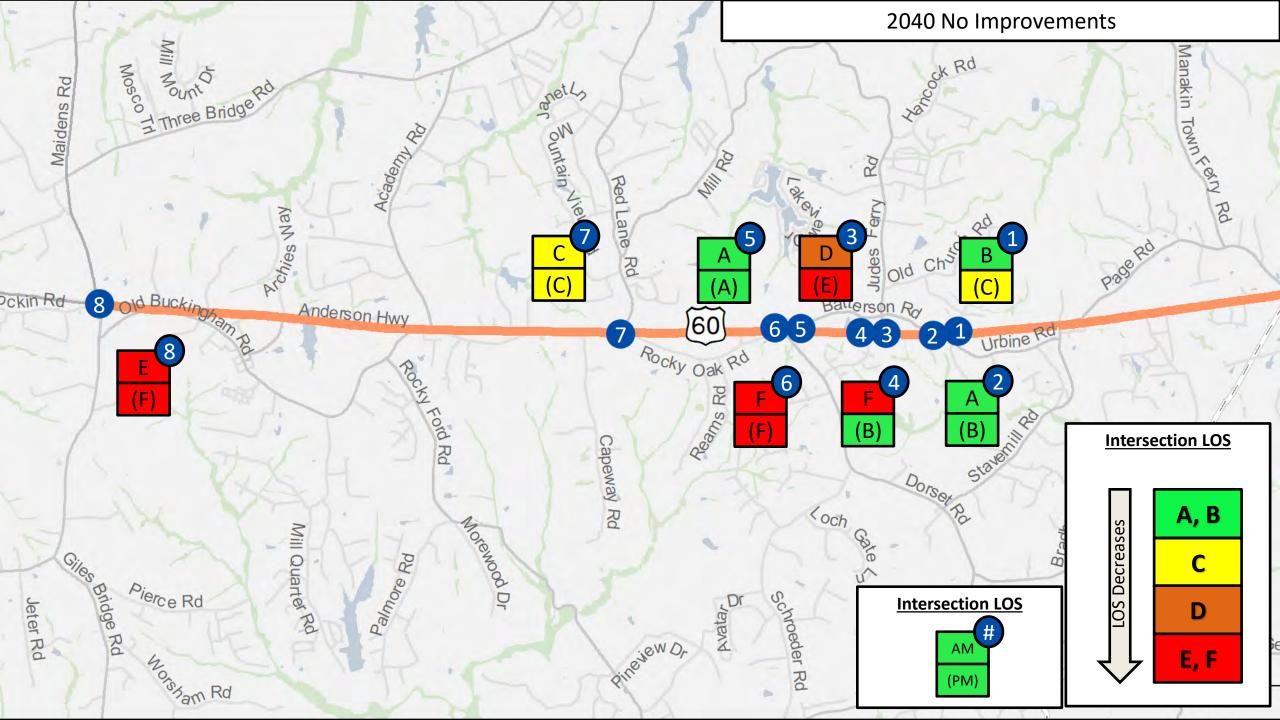
WB left from US 60

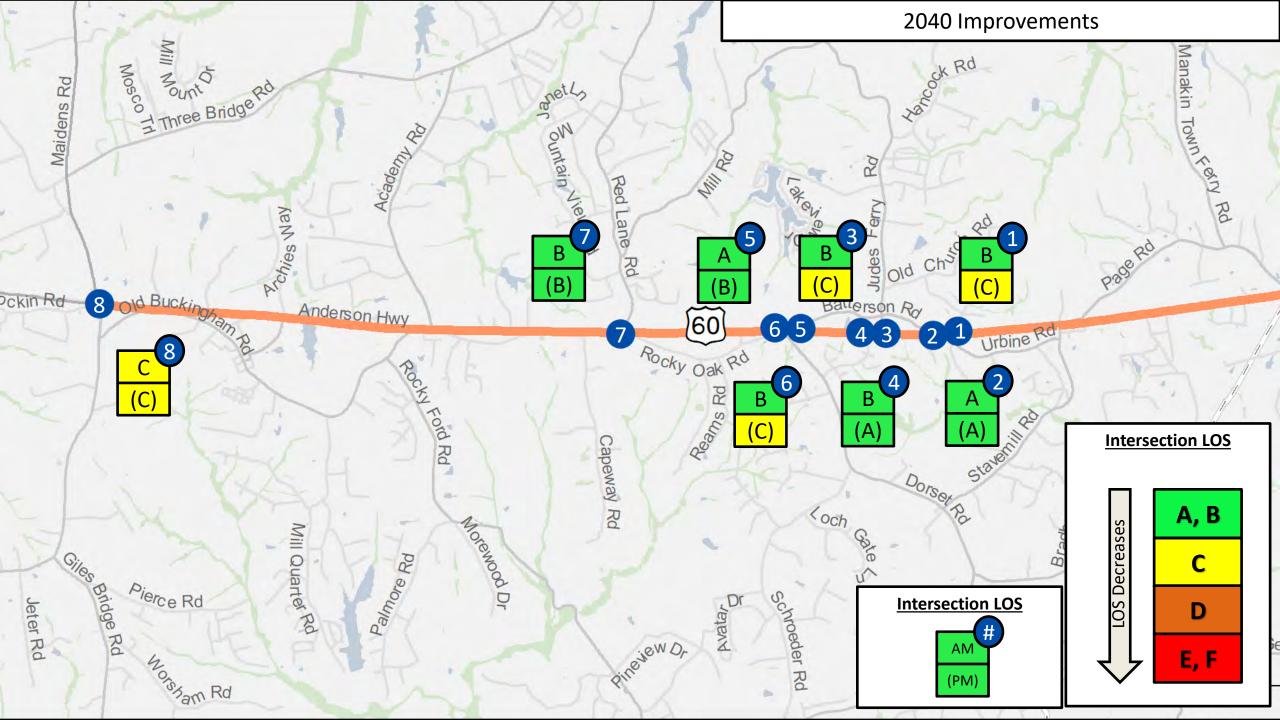
EB left from US 60

NB left from Emmanuel Church Rd

SB left from Maidens Rd



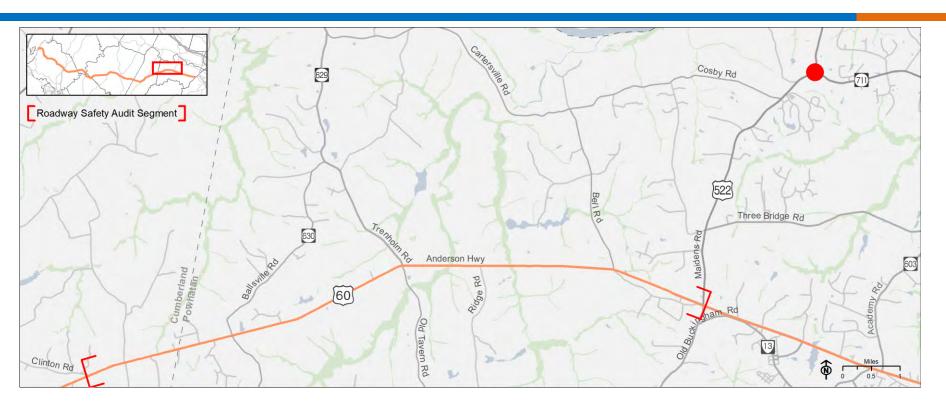




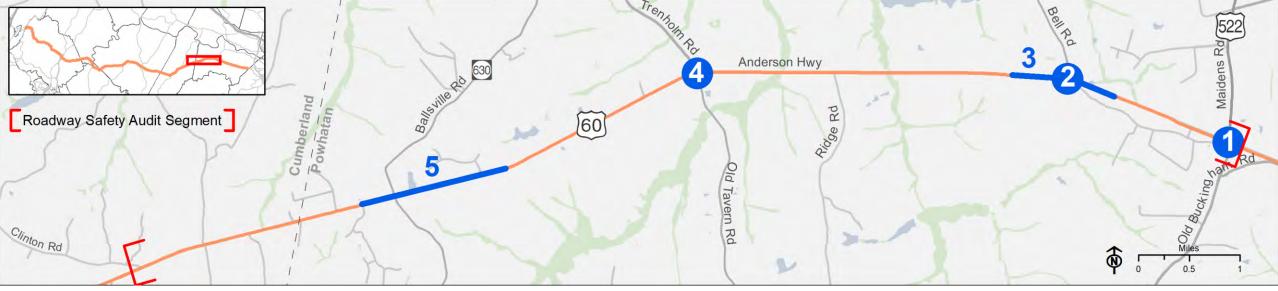


Roadway Safety Audit





- Conducted for the portion of the study corridor between US 522 and Route 601 in response to comments received during the public input process
- Included the intersection of US 522 and Route 711
 - Safety and operational analyses were performed for this intersection
 - No improvements are recommended at this time



Roadway Safety Audit Segment – Conducted in response to citizen comments received through the public input process.

Location-Specific Recommendations:

- 1. Improve Maidens Rd/US 522 Intersection (As shown previously)
- 2. Improve intersection warning signage
- 3. Provide a two-way center turn lane with shoulder rumble strips and safety edge
- 4. Construct westbound US 60 Right-turn lane and evaluate options to preserve access to the adjacent commercial property while improving visibility for drivers at the intersection
- 5. Fully-paved, wider shoulders with shoulder rumble strips and safety edge

General Recommendations:

- Safety Edges shape the edge of the shoulder to 30 degrees, allowing drivers who drift off the road to return safely.
- Rumble Strips use noise to alert drivers who are leaving the travel lane and are proven to be effective in reducing roadway departure crashes. New sinusoidal rumble strip designs significantly reduce exterior noise compared to conventional rumble strips.
- Wide shoulders provide an area for users to avoid crashes, move disabled vehicles out of the travel lane, perform maintenance activities, and law enforcement activities.

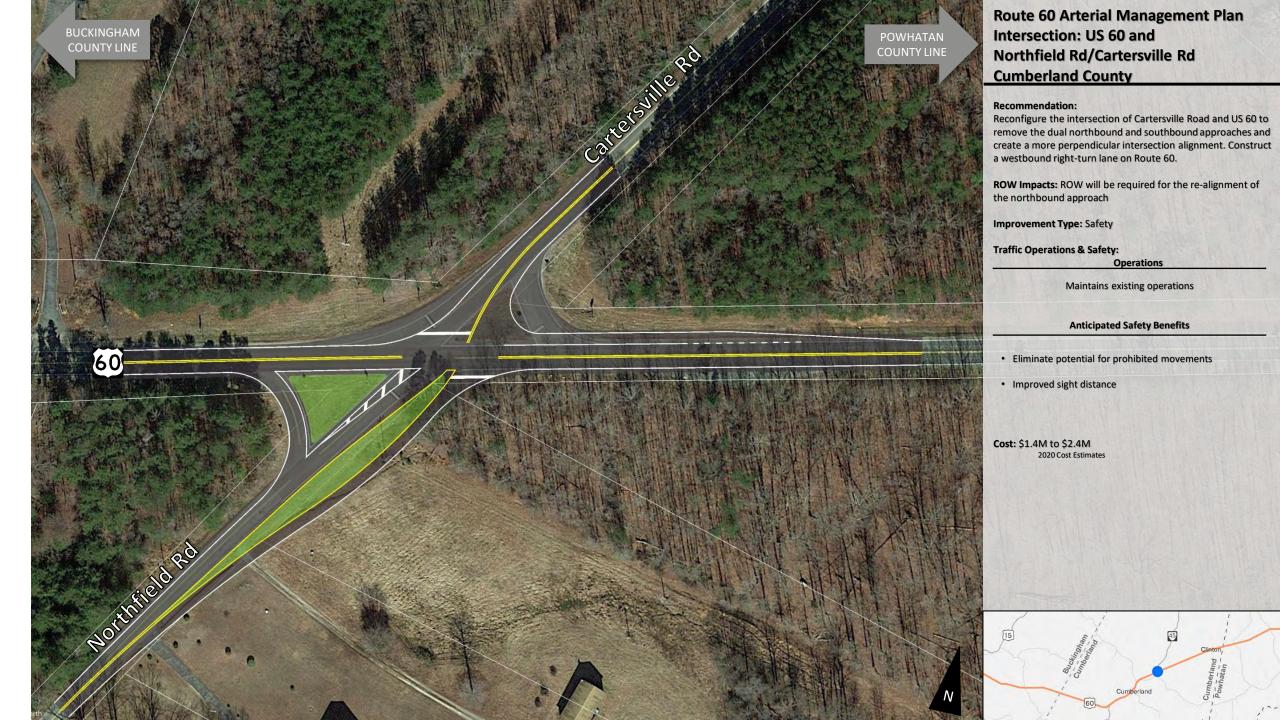


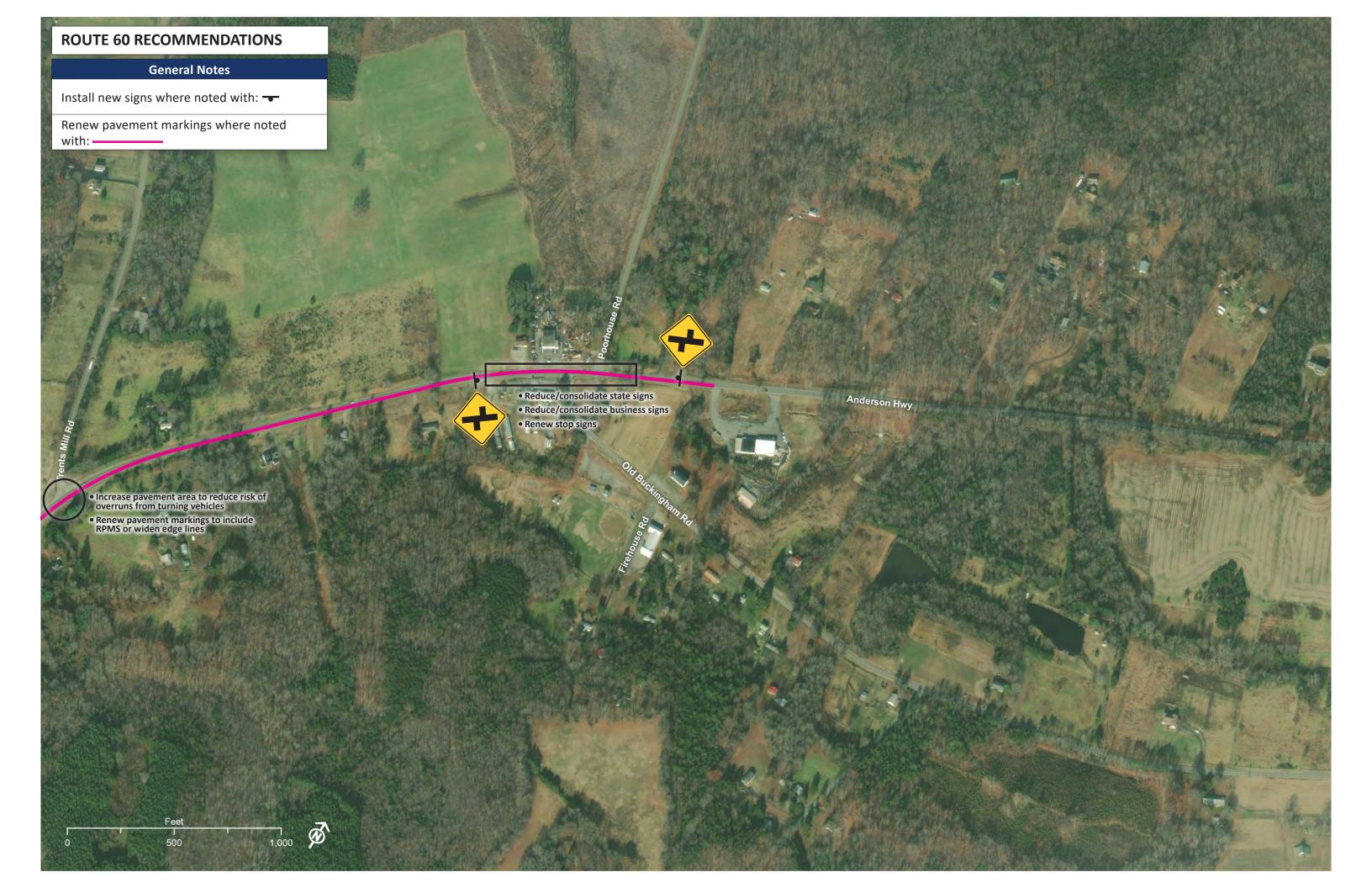
Cumberland County













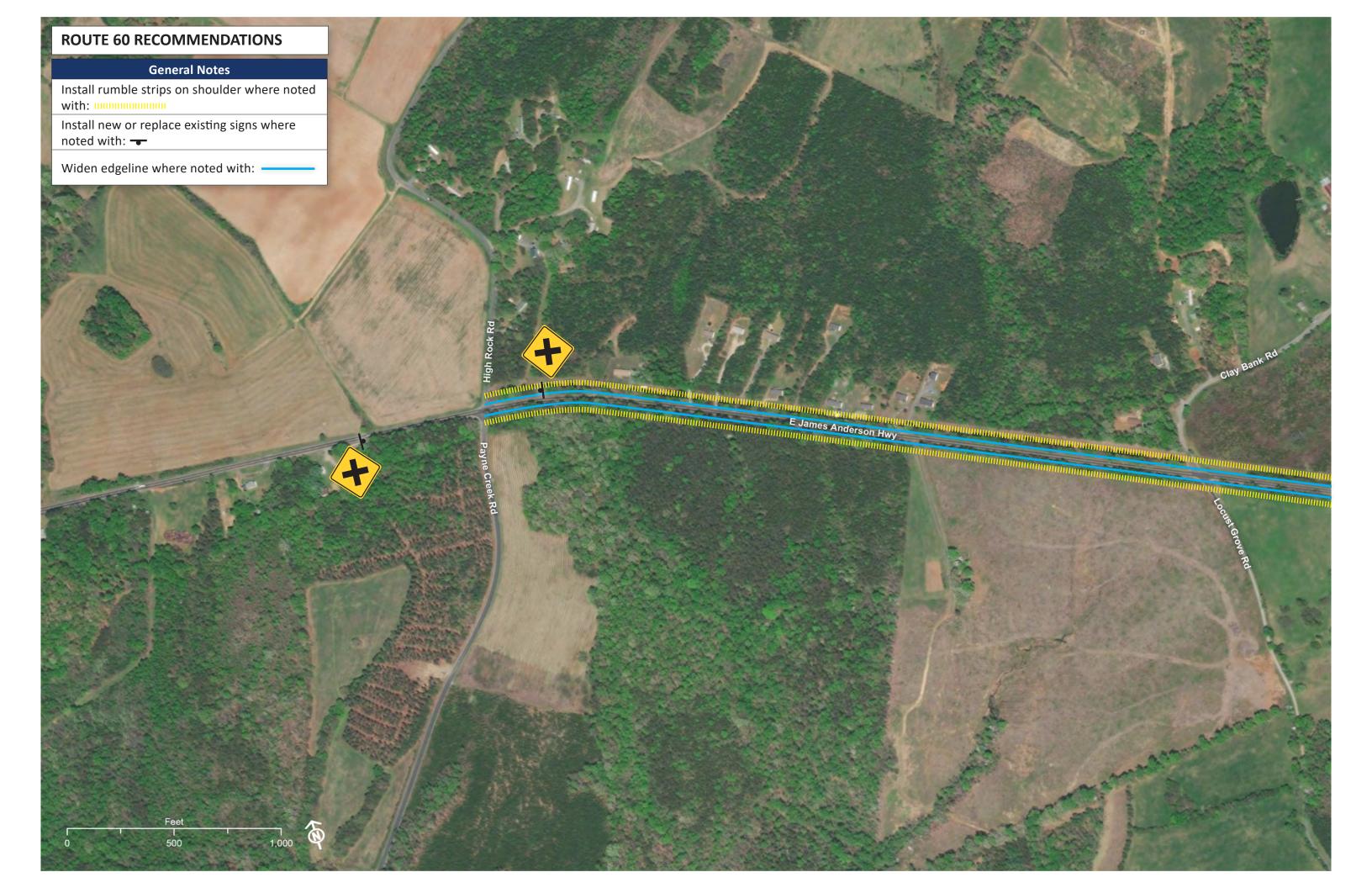


Buckingham County











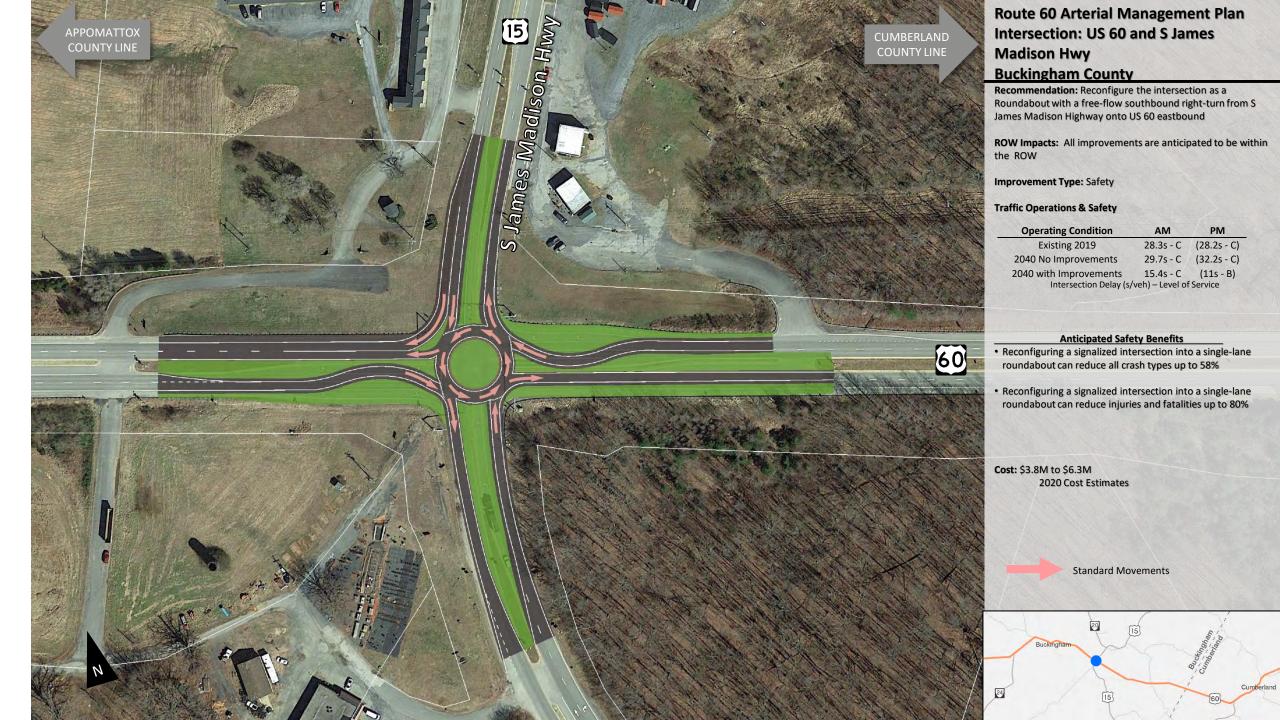




Buckingham County









Buckingham County











Amherst County







Route 60 Arterial Management Plan Intersection: US 60 and 29 Interchange East/West

Amherst County

Recommendation: Reconstruct the median of the US 60 bridge over US 29 and re-stripe to include one through-lane in each direction along with left-turn bays for the ramps to US 29. Also re-stripe the approaches to the bridge to include turn lanes and one through-lane in each direction.

ROW Impacts: All improvements are within the ROW

Improvement Type: Safety

Traffic Operations & Safety: US 60 & 29 Interchange(West):

	Operating Condition	AM	PM
	Existing 2019	3.9s - A	(2.1s - A)
	2040 No Improvements	4.3s - A	(2.2s - A)
	2040 with Improvements	4.4s - A	(2.3s - A)
Intersection Delay (s/yeh) – Level of Service			

US 60 & 29 Interchange(East):

Operating Condition	AM	PM
Existing 2019	2.5s - A	(5.4s - A)
2040 No Improvements	2.6s - A	(5.7s - A)
2040 with Improvements	2.6s -A	(5.7s - A)
Intersection Delay (s/ve	eh) - Level of	Service

Anticipated Safety Benefits

- Providing dedicated left-turn lanes at stop-controlled intersections decreases the total crashes by 28-48% (FHWA)
- Providing dedicated right-turn lanes at stop-controlled intersections decreases the total crashes by 14-26% (FHWA)

Cost: \$0.45M to \$0.75M 2020 Cost Estimates



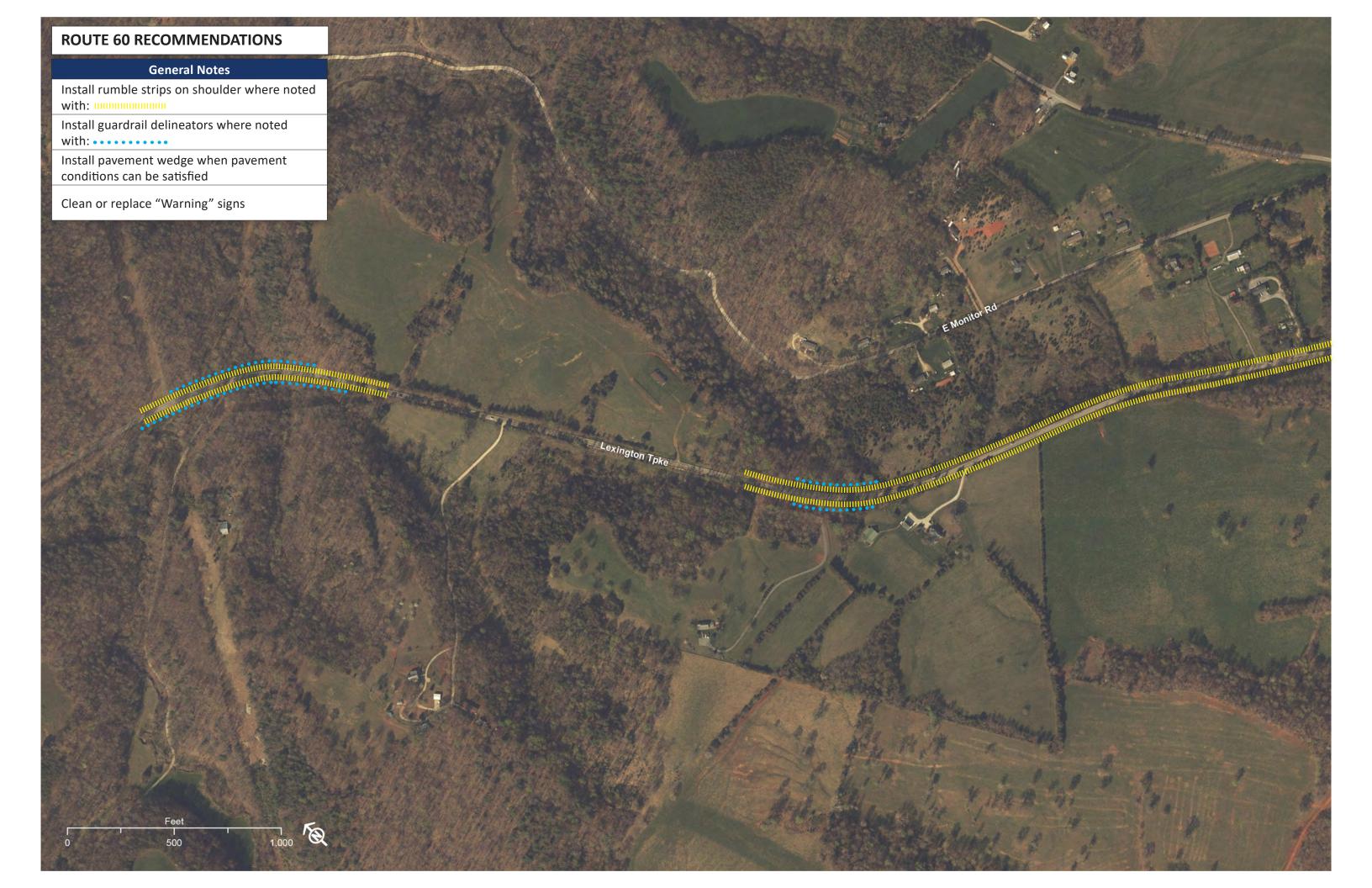


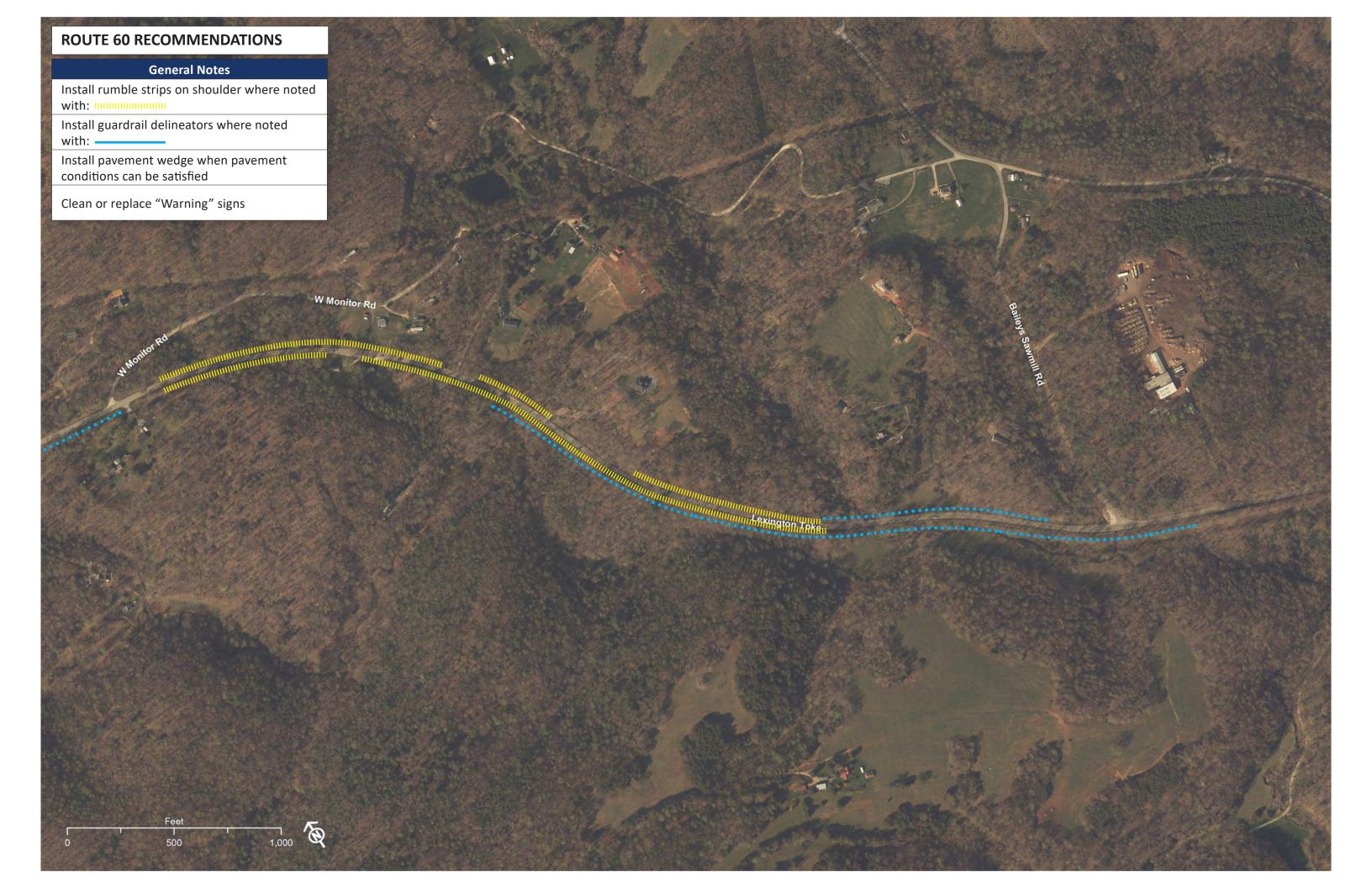
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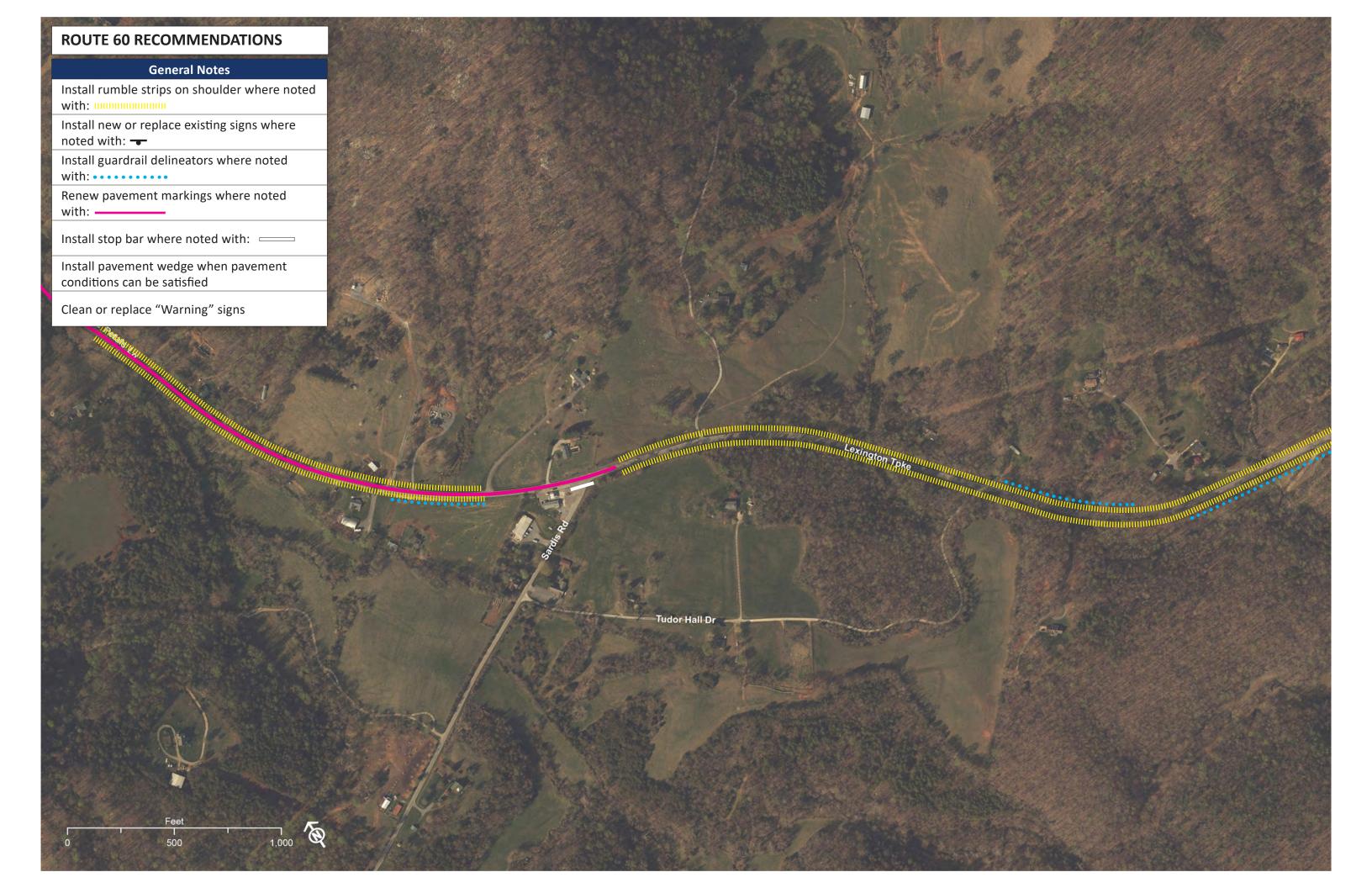


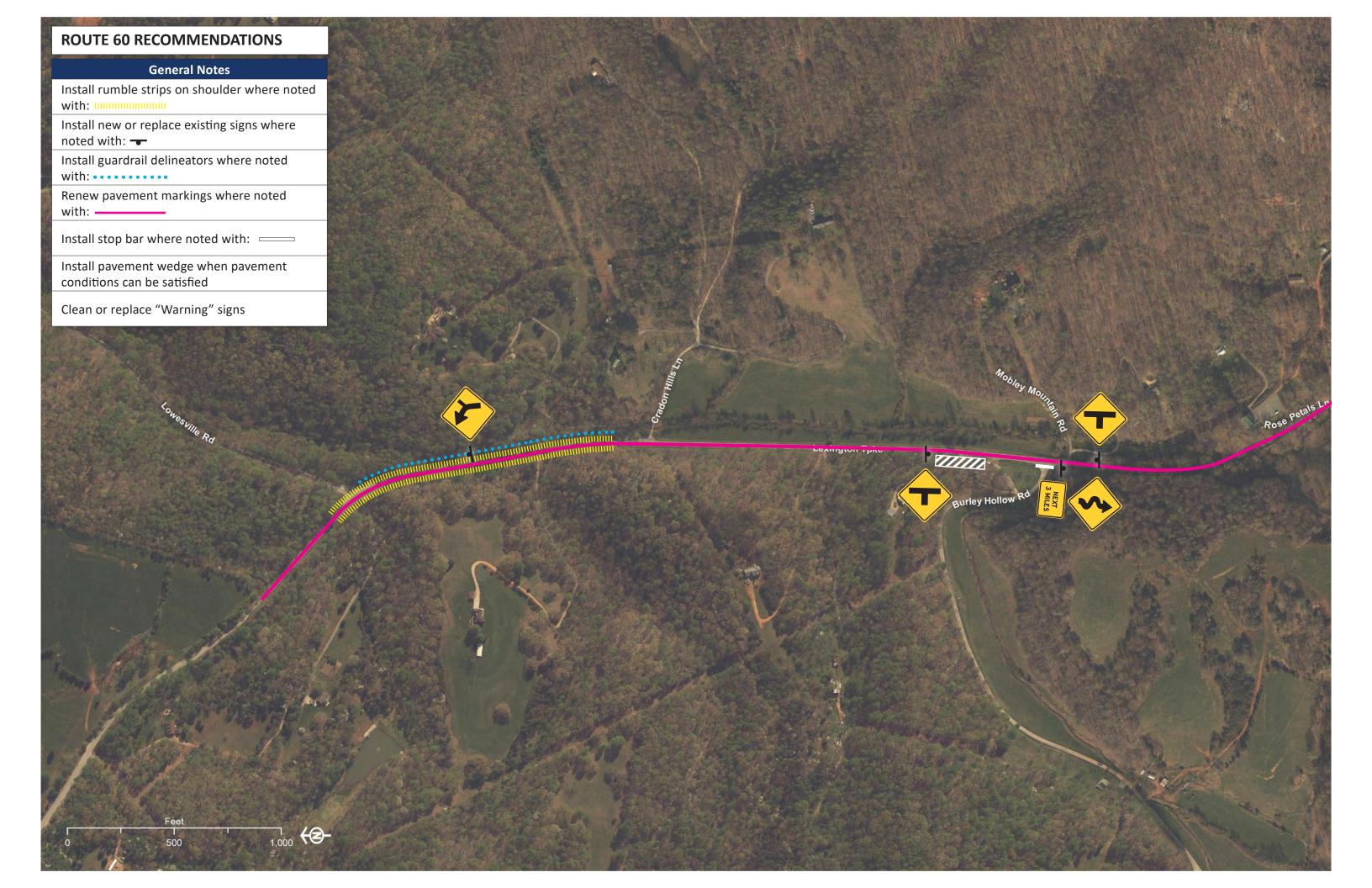














Public Input Process



- Public comment period is from March 26, 2020 to April 11, 2020
- Review additional US 60 Corridor Study materials available at:
 - Lynchburg District Study Website
 - http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/lynchburg/route-60-corridor.asp
 - Richmond District Study Website
 - http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/richmond/route-60-corridor.asp
- Provide Comments by April 11 to:

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Thank you!

