



# Citizens Informational Workshop

Proposed Railroad Crossing Closure at  
Byrdsville Road

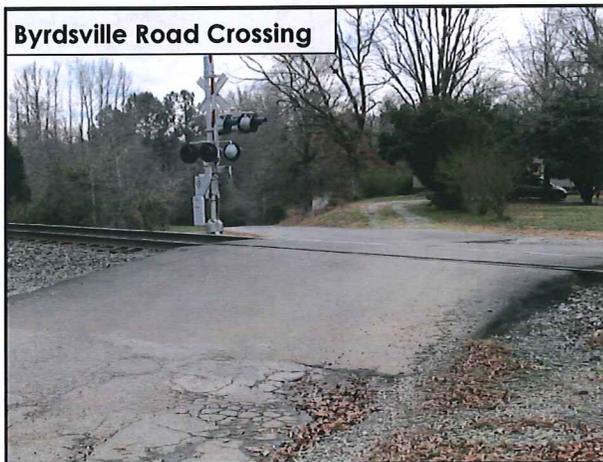
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Monday, January 14th, 2013, Anytime Between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Shared Visions Retreat Center, 3717 Murphey School Road, Durham

**Welcome!** The agenda for this evening's workshop is informal. Mapping and aerial photographs of the project area are on display. Representatives from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division and their consultants are here to discuss your concerns, receive comments and answer questions.

**Proposed Improvements** NCDOT Rail Division is evaluating the closure of the private road crossing with North Carolina Railroad (NCRR)/Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) at Byrdsville Road in Orange County. Alternate routes will be used when this crossing is closed.

The Byrdsville Road crossing serves a large subdivision of permanent and mobile homes. The crossing is protected by automatic warning devices.



**Project Purpose** The purpose of this project is to provide safety improvements along the Raleigh to Charlotte rail corridor that close private crossings where feasible and protect the private crossings that will remain open with crossbucks, automatic flashers and gates, signals and locking gates. This is part of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor (SEHSR), which when complete, will provide high speed passenger rail service between Washington, DC and Charlotte. The crossing closure is a key element that will reduce train and vehicle conflicts along the corridor. This rail crossing is identified in NCDOT's Private Crossing Safety Initiative.

**What happens Next?** Detailed planning, engineering, and environmental studies are underway. NCDOT is evaluating options to improve railroad operations and safety while reducing the project's effects on nearby communities and the environment. The tentative schedule for this project is as follows:

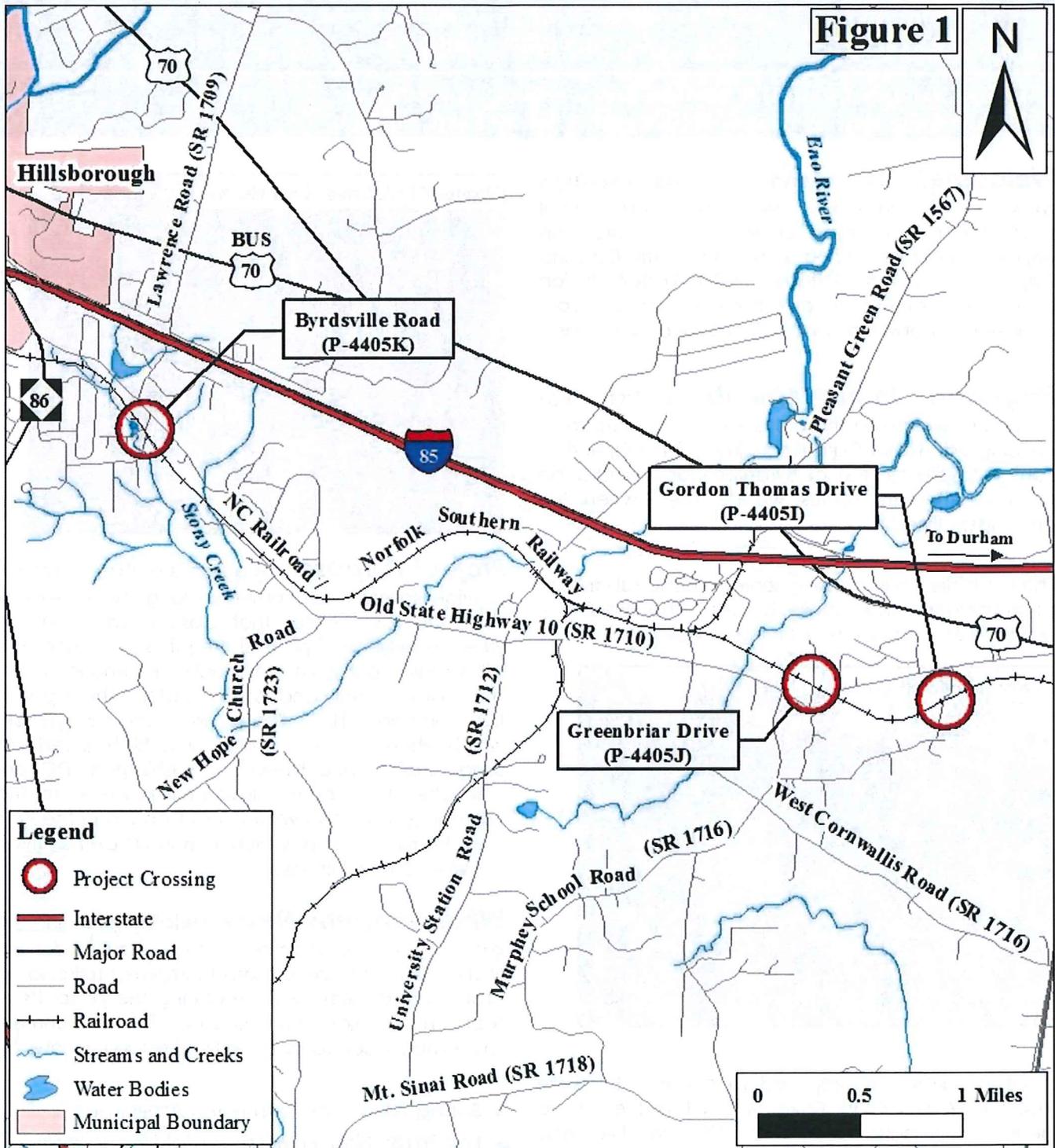
A new roadway is proposed to connect Byrdsville Road to Walter Clark Drive, which together would provide alternate access to NC 86. Driveway improvements will also be considered in two locations to maintain connectivity to nearby properties.

- **Spring 2013:** *Environmental Assessment*
- **Fall 2013:** *Final Environmental Document*
- **Early 2014:** *Begin Right of Way Acquisition*
- **Early 2015:** *Begin Construction*

Thank you for participating in this workshop. If you would like to receive future announcements or meeting notices, **add your name to the mailing list** or contact the individuals listed below.

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**Figure 1 - Project Vicinity Map**  
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 Private Crossing Safety Initiative Crossings at Gordon Thomas Drive, Greenbriar Drive, & Byrdsville Road  
 Orange County



