



# Citizens Informational Workshop

TIP P-4405 I & J

Proposed Railroad Crossing Closures at  
Gordon Thomas Drive & Greenbriar Drive

Monday, January 7th, 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.

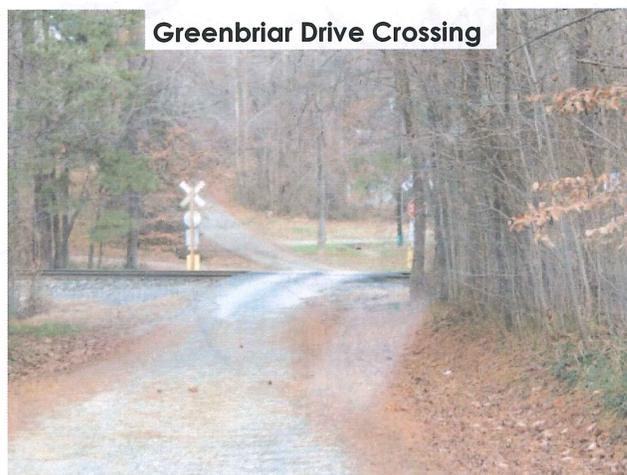
**Project Purpose** The purpose of these projects is to provide safety improvements along the Raleigh to Charlotte rail corridor that close private crossings where feasible and protect the private crossings that will remain open with crossbucks, automatic flashers and gates, signals and locking gates. 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 closures are a key element that will reduce train and vehicle conflicts along the corridor. These rail crossings are identified in NCDOT's Private Crossing 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 these projects is as follows:

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

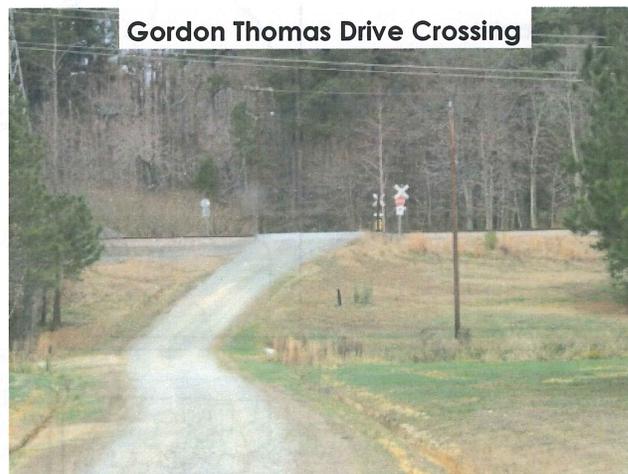
**Proposed Improvements** NCDOT Rail Division is evaluating the closure of private road crossings with North Carolina Railroad (NCRR)/Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) at Gordon Thomas Drive, and Greenbriar Drive in Orange County. Alternate routes will be used when both of these crossings are closed.

The alternative route for Greenbriar Drive would be a proposed new road connecting to Spruce Pine Trail and Old NC 10.



**Greenbriar Drive Crossing**

The alternate route for Gordon Thomas Drive would include Paschall Drive, Couch Mountain Road and Murphey School Road.

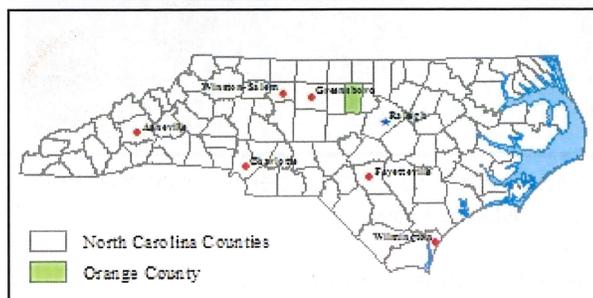
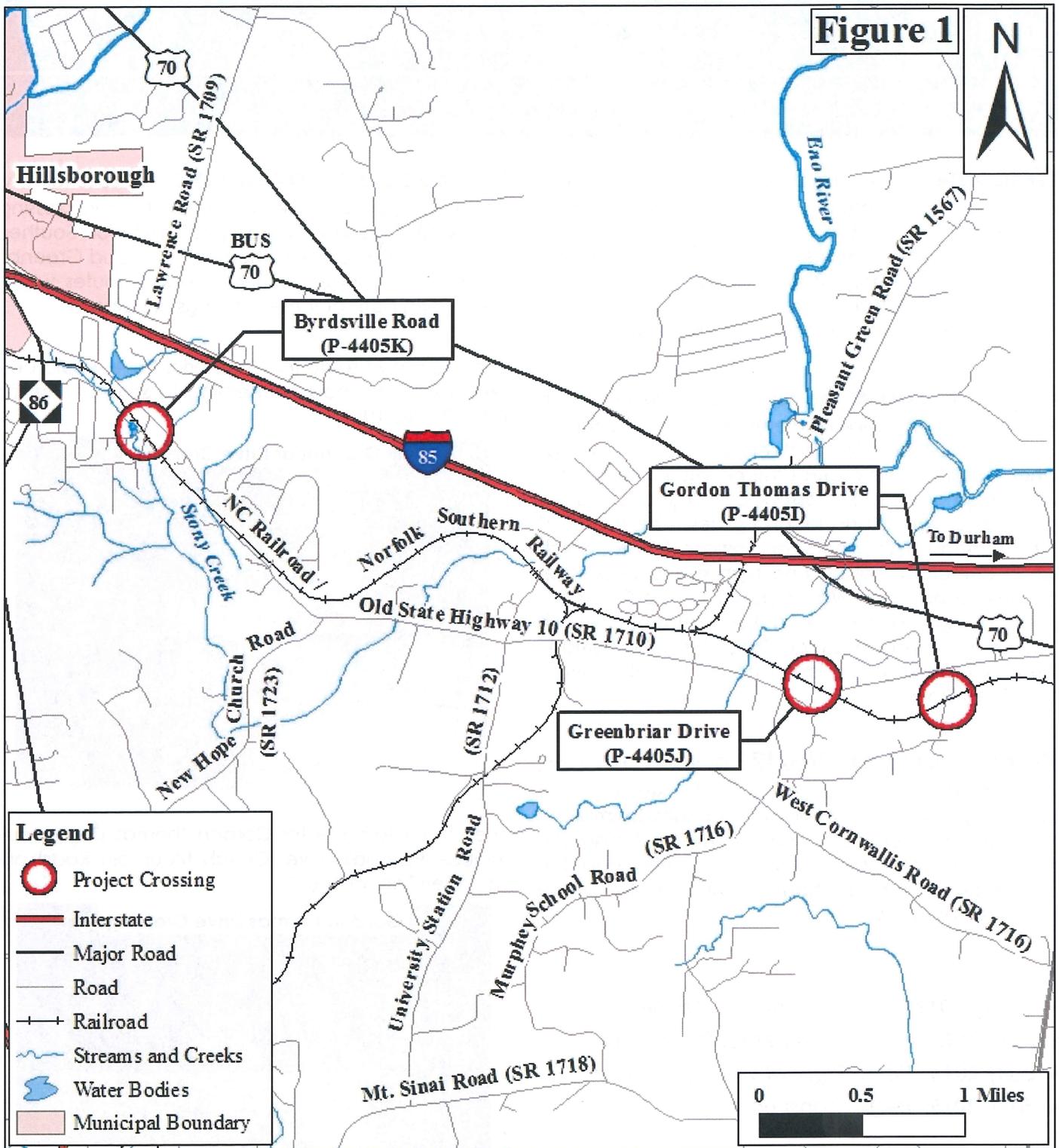


**Gordon Thomas Drive Crossing**

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**

