

NEPA Public Meeting North Second Street Corridor Improvement Project



**From I-40 to U.S. 51/SR-3
(Danny Thomas Avenue) in Memphis,
Shelby County, TN**

August 7, 2014

Tonight's Meeting

- Project Overview and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process
- Summary of 2011 Public Hearing and changes to the project
- Summary of Impacts
- Update of Project Status and Next Steps
- Answer Your Questions
- Get Your Input

Project History

- 1969: Identified in Memphis Urban Area MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- 1990 - 2001: TDOT, City of Memphis and Memphis Urban Area MPO worked together to study alternatives; Two Advanced Planning Reports (APR) prepared
- 2000: TDOT, City of Memphis begin NEPA process; develop Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate alternatives and impacts
- 2000 - 2003: Public meetings held

Project Status

- 2011: Draft Environmental Impact Statement completed; Public Hearing held
- 2011 - 2013: Selected Preferred Alternative
- 2013 - Present: Project updated and NEPA Reevaluation prepared

**We Are
Here**

Planning

Environmental

Design

Right-of-way

Construction

Why is the project needed?

- To address transportation needs identified through coordination with local officials, agencies, and the public
- The purpose of the project is to:
 - Provide a viable secondary access route into the Memphis Central Business District (CBD);
 - Improve traffic circulation within the study corridor;
 - Stimulate economic development by providing infrastructure that will maintain and support existing and future investment along the corridor; and
 - Provide a facility that blends in with the pedestrian friendly urban neighborhood environment

Proposed Improvements

- Improve a 4.5-mile section of North Second Street, from I-40 to the U.S. 51/SR-3 (Danny Thomas Avenue) intersection



Alternatives

- DEIS evaluated two alternatives: No-Build and Build Alternative
- Both presented at Public Hearing in May 2011
- Build Alternative:
 - Improves existing North Second and North Third Streets, a portion of which is on new location
 - Has undergone some modifications from what was presented in the DEIS as the Build Alternative
 - Selected as Preferred Alternative

Preferred Alternative Features

- From Jackson Ave. to Henry Ave.
 - North Second Street
 - Five lanes from Jackson Ave. to A.W. Willis Ave.
 - One lane in each direction from A.W. Willis Ave. to Henry Ave. (To be two lanes southbound when necessary for traffic)
 - North Third Street
 - Three lanes from Jackson Ave. to A.W. Willis Ave.
 - One lane in each direction from A.W. Willis Ave. to Henry Ave.
 - Note: Build Alternative utilized one-way roadways for N. Second and N. Third through this segment
 - Roundabout to connect North Second and North Third Streets near Henry Ave.

Preferred Alternative Features

- North Second Street from Henry Ave. to End of Project
 - Four lanes with raised median from Henry Ave. to Wolf River Bridge (Includes bike lanes, parking, and sidewalks)
 - A connection for the Wolf River Greenway at the Wolf River Bridge to N. Second Street
 - Four lanes with depressed median along new alignment from Wolf River Bridge to Harvester Lane (includes multi-use path and bike lanes)
 - Four lanes from Harvester Lane to U.S. 51/SR-3 (includes bike lanes and sidewalks)

Preferred Alternative Benefits

➤ Benefits:

- Improves mobility and safety
- Provides enhanced development potential through an improved transportation network and infrastructure by maintaining existing momentum for investment along the corridor
- Serves as an improved gateway into downtown Memphis through the Uptown Community and secondary access to Downtown Memphis

Preferred Alternative Impacts

➤ Potential Impacts:

- 89 noise impacts
- Impacts 2 streams (1 major), 4 wetlands, 1 wet weather conveyance
- Impacts 27 acres of floodplain

➤ Impacts to two Properties that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:

- Port of Memphis Grain Elevator
- Memphis, Wolf River and Nonconnah Creek Flood Control Project

Preferred Alternative Impacts

➤ 50 Displacements

- 35 residences (10 single-family; 25 units in 3 apartment buildings)
- 14 businesses;
- 1 non-profit

➤ Relocation Process:

- TDOT will provide advance notification of impending ROW acquisition.
- Owners of properties from which ROW would be acquired will be offered and paid fair market value for their property.

Next Project Steps

Analyze and address public comments



Prepare final environmental document



Design improvements



Acquire Right-of-way



Construction

Projected Schedule

- Complete NEPA 2015
- Development of project design plans will begin when NEPA is completed. A design hearing will be held and the public will be invited to review the plans at that time.

For More Information

- Location to review NEPA document

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/NorthSecondStreet/>

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Your Comments are Important!

➤ Please:

- Ask questions after this presentation
- Fill out a comment card and submit tonight or mail it in
- Give comments to a court reporter
- Talk with TDOT representatives after the presentation

**Written comments are due by
August 28, 2014**

Thank You!

**The
City of Memphis and the
Tennessee Department of Transportation
appreciate your participation
in the
North Second Street Corridor
Improvement Project
Public Meeting**

Q&A

