

FINAL
Anson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Recommendations
August 16, 2010

Highway Map

Major Improvements

The following recommendations either have capacity issues and/or are part of the Strategic Highway Corridors Initiative. Improvements to these facilities will increase capacity, enhance safety, and relieve congestion.

US 74: US 74 is a Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) and is projected to be over capacity by 2035 within the Town of Wadesboro. The CTP project proposals for US 74 are given below:

- Upgrade the existing four-lane facility to interstate standards from the Union County Line to Old Prison Camp Rd. (SR 1249) and from the west of the Lilesville Town Limits to the Richmond County Line. Interchanges are recommended at Clinton Ave. (Peachland), the proposed NC 218 Connector (Polkton) and NC 145. A grade separation is recommended at the rail crossing east of Lilesville.

Construct a four-lane freeway north of Wadesboro from Old Prison Camp Rd. (SR 1249) to west of the Lilesville Town Limits. Interchanges are recommended at US 74/Old Prison Camp Rd. (SR 1249), NC 742, US 52, NC 109, the proposed US 52 Bypass, and at US 74 west of the Lilesville Town Limits. Grade separations are recommended at the three rail crossings, Brown Creek Church Rd. (SR 1641), Airport Rd. (SR 1645), Winfree Rd. (SR 1713), and Wall St. west of Lilesville.

- Upgrade US 74 from Old Prison Camp Rd. (SR 1249) through the Town of Wadesboro to west of the Lilesville Town Limits to boulevard standards by converting the existing 5-lanes into a 4-lane median divided facility.

US 52: US 52 is a Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) and is projected to be near capacity by 2035 north and south of the Town of Wadesboro. The CTP project proposals for US 52 are given below:

- TIP Project R-2320: Widen to a four-lane divided boulevard from US 74 in Wadesboro to NC 27/27 in Albemarle (Stanly County). This project will include constructing a shallow bypass on new location east of the Town of Ansonville from Fries Blvd. to Jack's Branch Rd. (SR 1637).
- Widen to a four lane divided boulevard from US 74 in Wadesboro to the proposed US 52 Bypass and to a four lane divided expressway from the proposed US 52 Bypass to the South Carolina State Line.
- Widen to a four-lane divided expressway from US 74 to the South Carolina State Line.

- Construct a four-lane bypass of Wadesboro at expressway standards from US 52 at Wastewater Treatment Plant Rd. (SR 1121) to the proposed US 74 Bypass. An interchange is recommended at US 74 and a grade separation is recommended at the rail crossing.

Minor Connector

- NC 218 Connector: It is recommended that a two lane minor thoroughfare be constructed from NC 218 to US 74 west of the Polkton municipal limits. A grade separation is recommended at the rail crossing to allow emergency vehicles safe and efficient travel when responding to emergency calls.

Minor Widening Improvements

The following routes are recommended to be widened to 2-12'lanes (with paved shoulders):

- NC 742 – from the South Carolina State Line to NC 109
- NC 218 – from Union County to US 74 in Polkton
- NC 145 – from US 52 in Morven to the South Carolina State Line
- NC 109 – from the South Carolina State Line to NC 742 in Wadesboro
- Cason Oldfield Rd.(SR 1003) – from NC 742 to NC 145
- Deep Creek Rd.(SR 1003) – from NC 109 to NC 742
- Diggs Rd. (SR 1812) – from McRace Rd. (SR 1812) to US 52 in McFarlan
- Grassy Island Rd. (SR 1634) – from US 52 in Ansonville to Ingram Mountain Rd. (SR 1704)
- Haileys Ferry Rd. (SR 1801) – from US 74 to NC 145
- Lower White Store Rd.(SR 1252) – from Mineral Springs Rd. (SR 1240) to Union Church Rd. (SR 1003)
- Lowery Rd. (SR 1244) – from Mineral Springs Rd. (SR 1240) to Poplar-Hill Church Rd. (SR 1250)
- McRace Rd. (SR 1812) – from US 74 to Diggs Rd. (SR 1812)
- McLendon Rd. (SR 1003) – from NC 145 to Broad St. in McFarlan
- Poplar Hill Church Rd. (SR 1250) – from White Store Rd. (SR 1205) to US 74 in Polkton
- Stanback Ferry Rd. (SR 1703) – from Richmond County to Wall St. in Lilesville
- Union Church Rd.(SR 1003) – from White Store Rd. (SR 1003) to NC 109
- White Store Rd.(SR 1003) – from Lower White Store Rd. (SR 1252) to the Union County Line

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- NC 742 Extension: NC 742 is recommended to be extended from US 52 to NC 109. This extension along with the Salem St. Extension will separate NC 742 traffic from US 74 and provides better connectivity and route continuity.

Minor Connectors

Two lane minor thoroughfares are recommended for the following new connectors:

- Burns St. Extension: It is recommended that Burns St. be extended on new location to Capel Dairy Rd. (SR 1138) to provide better traffic flow in South Wadesboro.
- Hargrave / Woodland Connector: It is recommended that Hargrave St. connect on new location to Woodland Dr. at the intersection of White Store Rd.
- Harlem Heights Rd./Burns St. (SR 1131) Connector: A two lane minor thoroughfare is recommended between Burns St. (SR 1131) and Harlem Heights Rd. This connector will provide connectivity between US 52 in southern Wadesboro and US 74 to the west.
- Salem St. Extension: It is recommended that Salem St. be extended on new location from Salem St. west to NC 109 and east to US 74 at the intersection with US 52. This extension along with NC 742 Extension will provide better connectivity and traffic movement in northern Wadesboro.
- West Ave. Extension: It is recommended that West Ave. be extended on new location from West Ave. to Anson High School Rd. (SR 1259).
- Kitty Bennett Rd. Re-Alignment: Kitty Bennett Rd. (SR 1423) currently runs in a northeast-southwest direction connecting NC 742 and US 74. This recommended proposal would alleviate the sharp curve and provide a more direct and shorter connector between US 74 and NC 742.

Minor Widening Improvements

- Anson High School Rd. (SR 1259): Anson High School Rd. functions as a north-south connector on the western side of Wadesboro. This area has the potential for considerable growth, thus generating more traffic. It is recommended that this road be widened to standard 12' lanes from White Store Rd. (SR 1205) to US 74.

<http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/tpb/planning/AnsonCTP.html>

- Capel Dairy Rd. (SR 1138): It is recommended that Capel Dairy Rd. be widened to standard 2-12' lanes from White Store Rd. (SR 1205) to NC 742.
- Hargrave St.: Hargrave St. is a two-lane residential road that helps connect NC 109/NC 742 to Little St. It is recommended that Hargrave St. be widened to standard 2-12' lanes from NC 109 to Little St.
- Little St.: Little St. is a residential street located between Hargrave St. and Morven Rd. (SR 1152) that is recommended to be widened to standard 2-12' lanes.

Intersection Improvements

- Woodland Dr.: Straightening of the intersection with West Ave.
- White Store Rd. (SR 1205): The intersection with Morgan St. is recommended to be redesigned, allowing easier movement between the two streets.
- Stanback Ferry Rd. (SR 1714): Straightening of the intersection at Morven Freight Line Rd. (SR 1726) is recommended to allow for better traffic movement.
- Little St.: An intersection realignment is proposed at Hargrave St. to allow for better traffic movement.