

State Route 32 (US-321) Improvements

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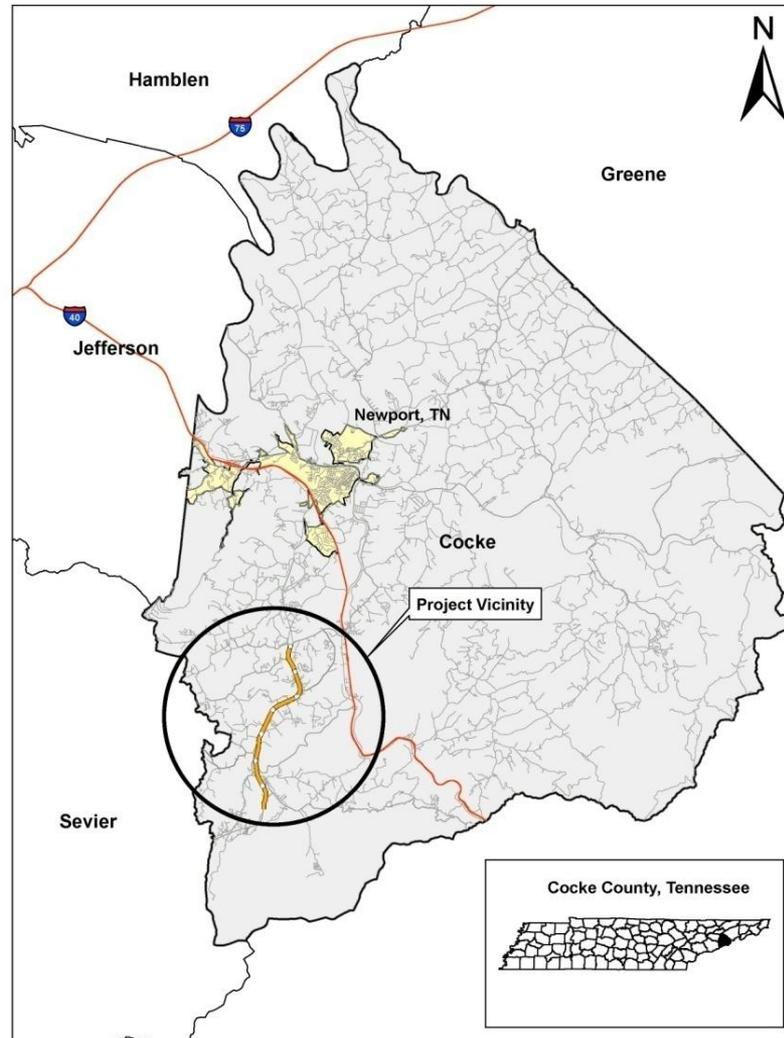


Meeting Purpose

- To share updated information on the proposed SR 32 (US 321) improvement project
- To incorporate public input on the proposed alternatives currently under study
- To meet intent and requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
- To answer your questions



Project Location



Project Background

- 1998 - TDOT evaluated an alternative west of the current Build Alternative in the location of the Foothills Parkway.
 - Outreach with the National Park Service resulted in the alignment being shifted east to avoid Cosby Creek.



Project Background cont'd

- 2005 – TDOT evaluated an alternative west of the current Build Alternative in the location of Dark Hollow Road and SR 73.
 - The alignment was shifted east to avoid archaeological resources.



Project Background cont'd

- 2009 – TDOT determined the need to conduct updated technical studies as the project moves forward in the environmental process.
- 2010 – TDOT held a public meeting to present both the No-Build and Build Alternatives to the public.
- 2011 – Revisions were made to the Build Alternative based on public and agency comments.



Project Updates

- Coordination with the National Park Service led to an updated Foothills Parkway access option.
- Revisions to Build Alternatives have been made based on public and agency comments.



Purpose and Need for the Project

- Improve efficiency of traffic operations
- Improve safety for vehicles
- Improve roadway deficiencies
 - Sight Distance
 - Horizontal Alignment
- Increase capacity



The No-Build Alternative

- Examines what would happen if no improvements were made to the existing road network.
- Serves as a baseline that the Build Alternative is compared against.
- Often does not meet the project's purpose and need.



Proposed Build Alternative

- Widen SR-32 (US-321) from SR-73 to Wilton Springs Road.
- From SR-73 to just north of Orchard Road, the proposed typical widens to four lanes divided by a 48-foot median with 12-foot shoulders.



Proposed Build Alternative cont'd

- From just north of Orchard Road to Wilton Springs Road, the project transitions to four lanes with a continuous center turn lane and 8-foot shoulders.



Alternative Location Considerations

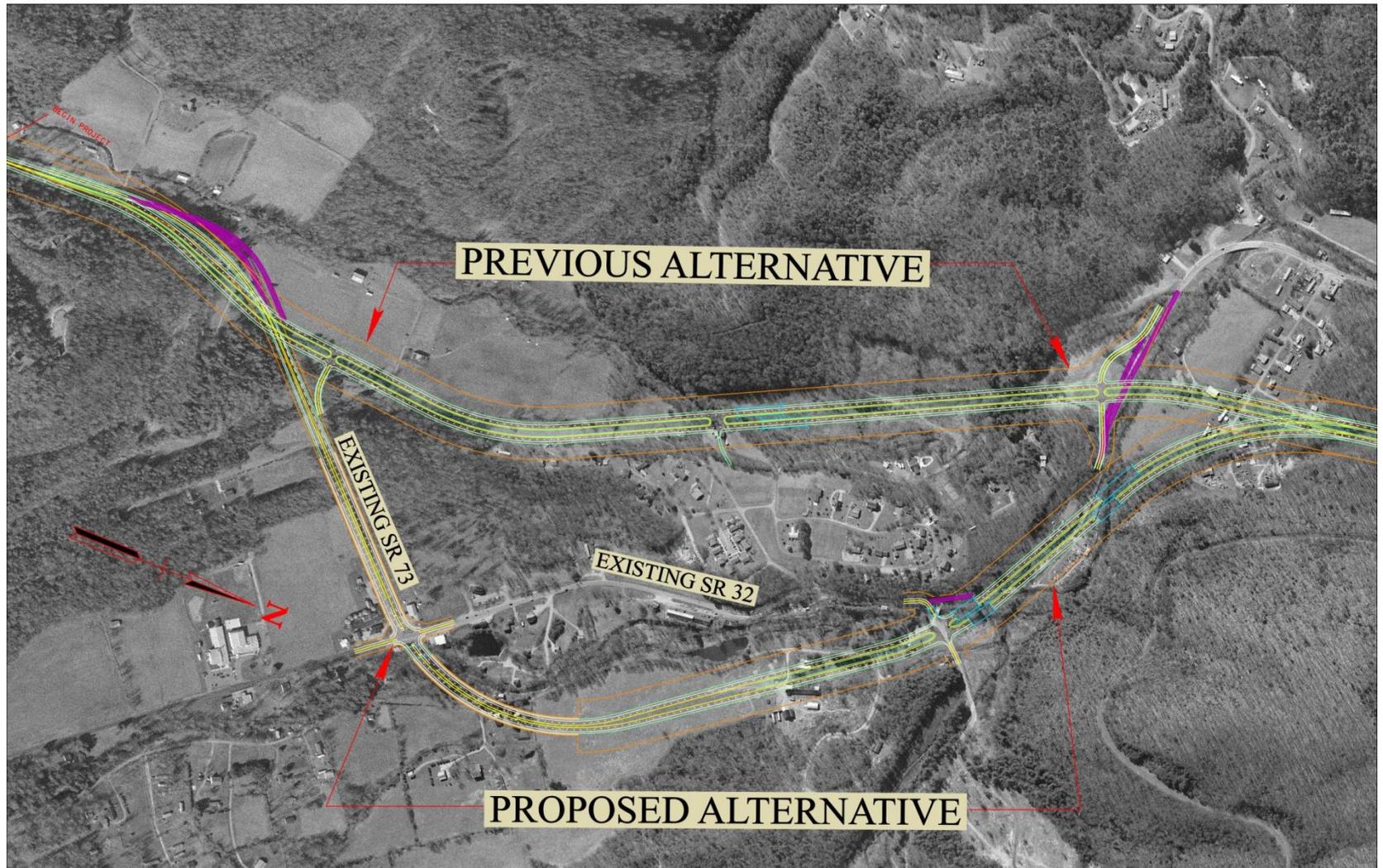
The following potential impacts influenced determination of alignment location.

- Potential Community Impacts Along Stonebrook Drive
- Potential Business Impacts at Cosby
- Potential Stream/Floodplain Impacts
- Potential Cultural Resource Impacts

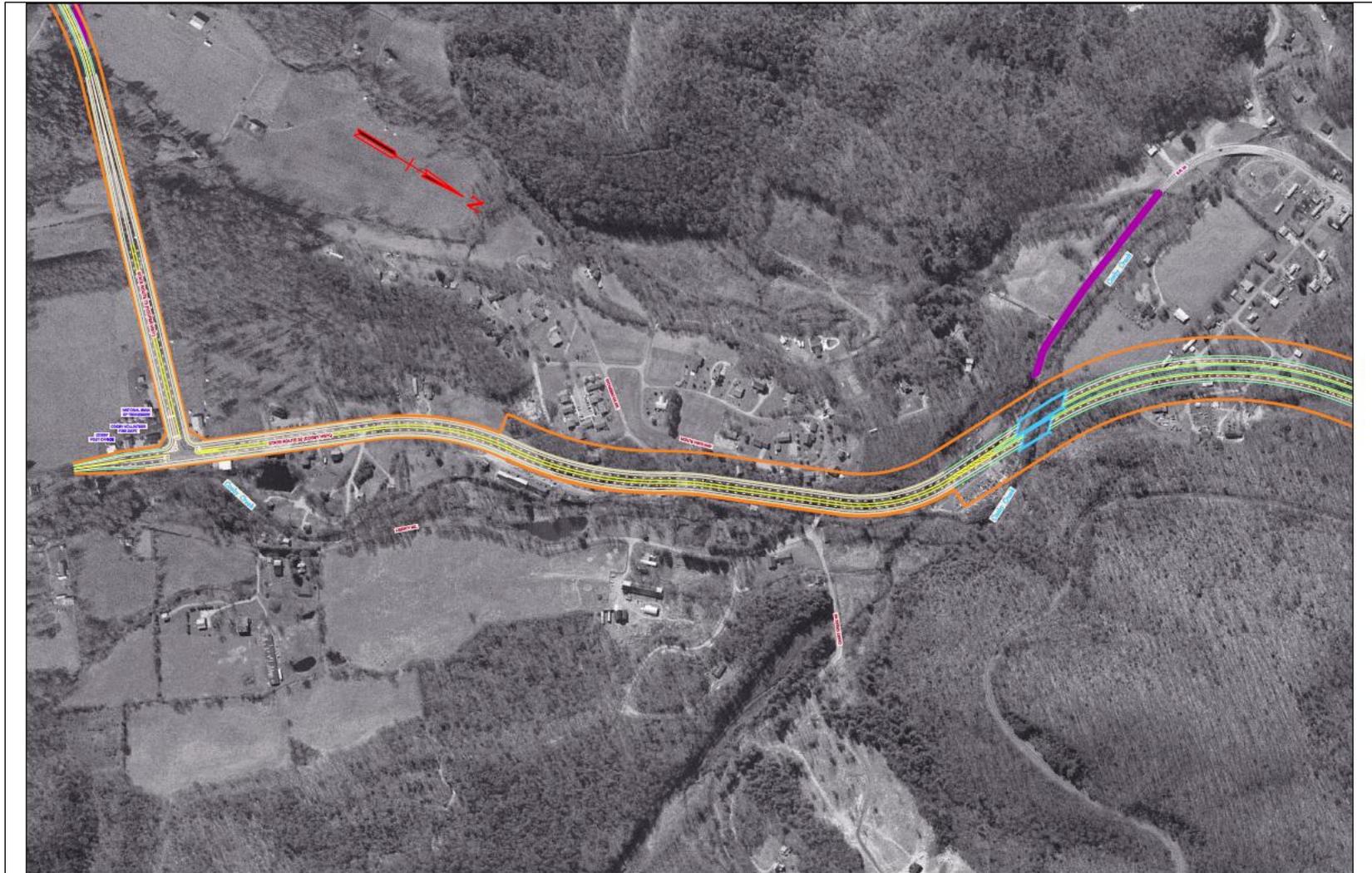
Proposed Build Alternative cont'd



Previous Proposed Build Alternative and Revised Alternative



Improvements Along Existing Roadway-South End



Next Steps

Analyze and Address Public and Agency Comments



Refine Purpose and Need and Alternatives



Complete Technical Studies



Prepare and Circulate Draft EA



Hold Public Hearing



Select Preferred Alternative and Prepare Final Environmental Document

Providing Your Input Tonight

- View project displays
 - Identify discuss particular areas of interest to you and discuss them with a TDOT representative.
- Fill out a Project comment card and put it in the project comment box.
- Share your Statement with the Court Reporter



Providing Your Input During the Comment Period

- Mail Written Comments to TDOT at Public Meeting Comments
SR 32 (US 321) Improvement Project
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 700, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville TN, 37243**
- Send an Email to
TDOT.Comments@tn.gov**
- Provide your Comments by
April 5, 2012**

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