



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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12/17/2025

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Field Office
3331 Heritage Trade Drive #105
Wake Forest, NC 27587

NC Division of Water Resources
Transportation Permitting Branch
127 Cardinal Drive Ext.
Wilmington, NC 28405

ATTN: Mr. Eric Alsmeyer,
NCDOT Coordinator

Ms. Holley Snider
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Request for Extension of Section 404 Individual Permit and Section 401 Individual Water Quality Certification** for the proposed widening of US 701 Bypass from south of SR1166 (Pleasant Plains Road) to North of the US 74/76 Bypass in Whiteville, Columbus County, Division 6, WBS 41499.1.2, TIP No. R-5020.

Dear Coordinators:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Individual Permit and North Carolina Division of Water Resources Section 401 Certification for the above referenced project. The original 2020 permit application presented final impacts for the B section of this project, and preliminary impacts for section A. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hereby requests an extension/renewal of the current December 31, 2025 permit expiration date.

Previous Authorization Information

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| USACE Action ID | SAW-2012-00758 | NCDWR Project No. | 20200355 |
| | | Individual Certification No. | 004223 |
| Date Issued | June 30, 2020 | Date Issued | April 6, 2020 |

The previous permit application and authorization can be found here:
[R-5020 Permit Information](#)

Lead Federal Agency:
 FHWA USACE

Mailing Address:
NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS UNIT
1598 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
RALEIGH NC 27699-1598

Telephone: (919) 707-6000
Customer Service: 1-877-368-4968
Website: www.ncdot.gov

Location:
1000 BIRCH RIDGE DRIVE
RALEIGH NC 27610

Current Project phasing schedule for R-5020

| Section | Approximate Section Limits | Approximate Length | Construction Letting |
|---------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| R-5020B | SR1437 (Virgil Ave) to US 74/76 | 2.2 | Complete |
| R-5020AA | Replace culvert between Radio Station Road and Hay Street. | N/A | April 2027 |
| R-5020A | SR1166 (Pleasant Plains Church Rd) to SR1437 (Virgil Ave) | 3.1 | July 2030 |
| TOTAL: | | 5.3 miles | |

Supporting Documentation of Previous Permitting Decision

| Topic | Notes / Changes |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Permit Drawings | No Change |
| Impact Summary | No Change |
| Mitigation | No Change |
| Endangered Species Act | See table below |
| Archaeology | No Change |
| Historic Architecture and Landscapes | No Change |
| Tribal Coordination | Letters sent December 16, 2025 (attached) |

Endangered Species Act

Protected Species listed from IPaC¹ as of the date of this request:

| Common Name | Habitat Present | Proposed Biological Conclusion | FWS Concurrence Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Tricolored bat | Yes | May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect | Covered under PCO Currently Proposed Endangered |
| Red-cockaded woodpecker | No | MA-LAA ² | PBO Eligible |
| American alligator | Yes | Not Required | Listed for Similarity of Appearance |
| Southern hognose snake | Yes | n/a | Proposed Threatened |
| Monarch butterfly P ⁴ | n/a | n/a | Proposed Threatened |

1 IPaC – Information for Planning and Consultation (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Dilday at jldilday1@ncdot.gov or (919)707-6111.

Sincerely,

Jason L Dilday

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ECAP Eastern Team Lead



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December 16, 2025

Dr. Wenonah Haire
Catawba Indian Nation
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
1536 Tom Steven Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Dear Dr. Haire,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is developing the engineering studies widening of US 701 Bypass from south of SR1166 (Pleasant Plains Road) to North of the US 74/76 Bypass in Whiteville, Columbus County. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and a Permit is anticipated under the Section 404 Process with the USACE. A project vicinity map and archaeological survey report is attached.

The coordinates of this project are approximately:
south end: 34.306571, -78.716785 north end: 34.355623, -78.709869

We would appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, we also request that you inform us of any historic properties of traditional religious or cultural importance that you are aware of that may be affected by the proposed project. Be assured that, in accordance with confidentiality and disclosure stipulations in Section 304 of the NHPA, we will maintain strict confidentiality about certain types of information regarding historic properties.

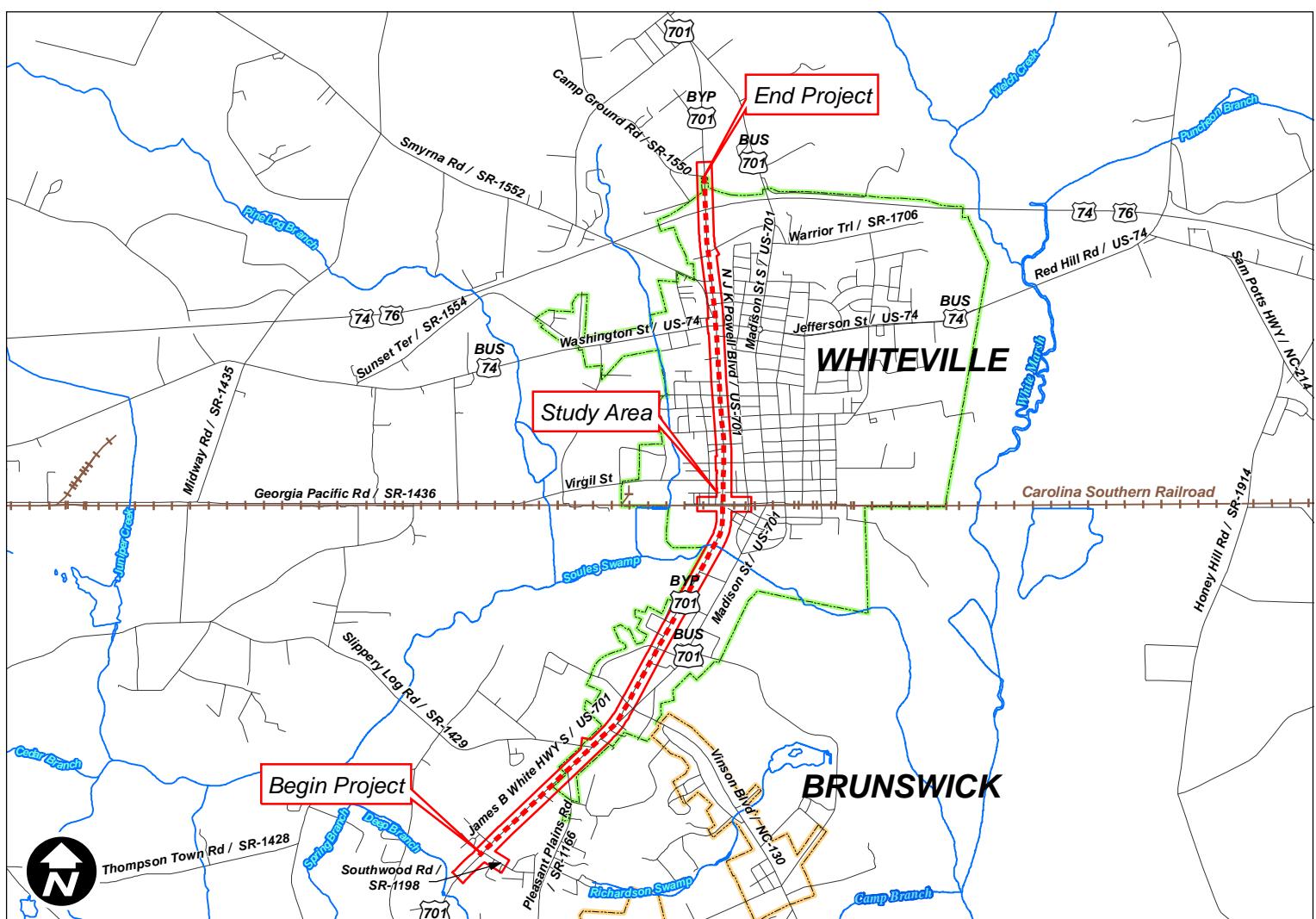
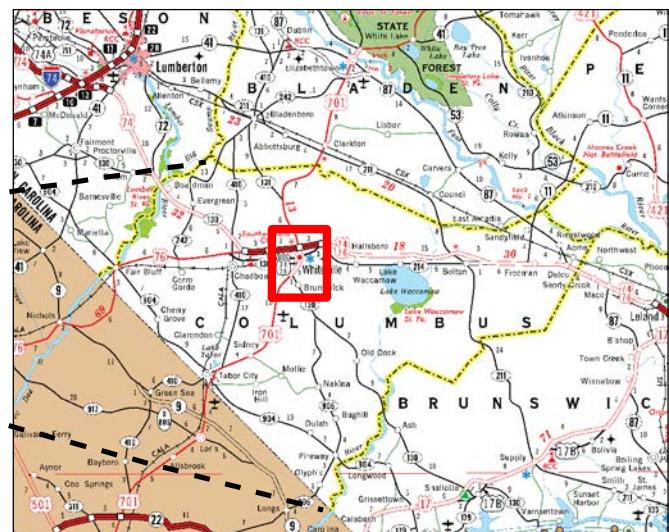
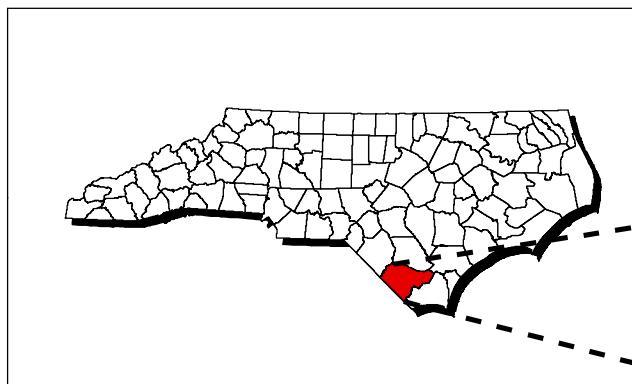
Please respond by January 16, 2026 so that your comments can be used in the evaluation of this project. If you have any questions concerning this project, or would like any additional information, please contact me at jldilday1@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6111.

Sincerely,

Jason L Dilday

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Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT Archaeology Team Leader
Eric Alsmeyer, USACE Project Manager



**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit**

**US 701 Bypass from South of SR 1166 (Pleasant Plains Road)
to North of US 74-76 Bypass in Whiteville
Columbus County
TIP Project R-5020**

Figure 1



North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

State Historic Preservation Office

Ramona M. Bartos, Administrator

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
Linda A. Carlisle, Secretary
Jeffrey J. Crow, Deputy Secretary

Office of Archives and History
Division of Historical Resources
David Brook, Director

May 15, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Thorpe, Ph.D., Director
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
NCDOT Division of Highways

FROM: Ramona M. Bartos *RSB for Ramona M. Bartos*

SUBJECT: Widening US 701 Bypass from SR 1166 to US 74-76 Bypass, Whiteville, R-5020,
Columbus County, ER 12-0739

Thank you for your memorandum of May 1, 2012, concerning the above project.

There are no known archaeological sites within the proposed project area. Based on our knowledge of the area, it is unlikely that any archaeological resources that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by the project. We, therefore, recommend that no archaeological investigation be conducted in connection with this project.

We have conducted a search of our maps and files and located the following structures of historical or architectural importance within the general area of this project:

- ◆ **Columbus County Courthouse** (CB 0001), listed in the National Register;
- ◆ **Prevatte House** (CB 0033), placed on the State Study List in 1999;
- ◆ **Bank of Whiteville** (CB 0145), placed on the State Study List in 2001;
- ◆ **Oscar High House** (CB 0138), placed on the State Study List in 1993;
- ◆ **White-Baldwin House** (CB 0141), placed on the State Study List in 2001; and,
- ◆ **Whiteville Depot** (CB 0142), placed on the State Study List in 1994.

The only architectural survey of Columbus County is a 1998 reconnaissance survey by Edward Turberg. We recommend that a Department of Transportation architectural historian identify and evaluate any structures over fifty (50) years of age within the project area, and report the findings to us.

The locations of these properties are available on our GIS website: <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/>.

cc: Mary Pope Furr, NCDOT, mfurr@ncdot.gov
Matt Wilkerson, NCDOT
State Clearinghouse

Project Submittal Interim Form



Updated December 4, 2023

Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.

Project Type:*

- For the Record Only (Courtesy Copy)
- New Project
- Modification/New Project with Existing ID
- More Information Response
- Other Agency Comments
- Pre-Application Submittal
- Re-Issuance\Renewal Request
- Stream or Buffer Appeal

Is this application for a project associated with emergency response/repairs from Hurricane Helene impacts to your project or property?*

Yes No

Project Contact Information

Name:

Jason Dilday

Who is submitting the information?

Email Address:*

jldilday1@ncdot.gov

Project Information

Existing ID #:*

20200355
20170001 (no dashes)

Existing Version:*

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Project Name:*

Widening of US701 Bypass from south of SR1166 to north of US74/76 Bypass in Whiteville (R-5020-Central)

Is this a public transportation project?*

Yes No

Is this a DOT project?*

Yes No

Is the project located within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)?*

Yes No Unknown

Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, electric generation projects located at an existing or former electric generating facility, or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity?*

Yes No

Is this project connected with ARPA funding?*

Yes No

TIP#:

R-5020

WBS#:

41499.1.2

(Applies to DOT projects only)

County (ies)*

Columbus

Please upload all files that need to be submitted.

Click the upload button or drag and drop files here to attach document

R-5020 Extension Cover Letter.pdf 7.45MB

Only pdf or kmz files are accepted.

Describe the attachments or add comments:

The current phased Individual 404/401 permits for this project expire 12/31/25. This request is for an extension/renewal.

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By checking the box and signing box below, I certify that:

- I, the project proponent, hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I, the project proponent, hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.
- I agree that submission of this online form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the online form.

Signature:*



Submittal Date:

12/18/2025