



Permanent Repairs to U.S. 74A – Chimney Rock (Project 18313.1081015) in Rutherford and Henderson Counties

Feb. 2025

From the U.S. 64 bridge and U.S. 64 / U.S. 74A / N.C. 9 intersection in Bat Cave to
east of U.S. 74A / Terrace Drive intersection in Chimney Rock

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

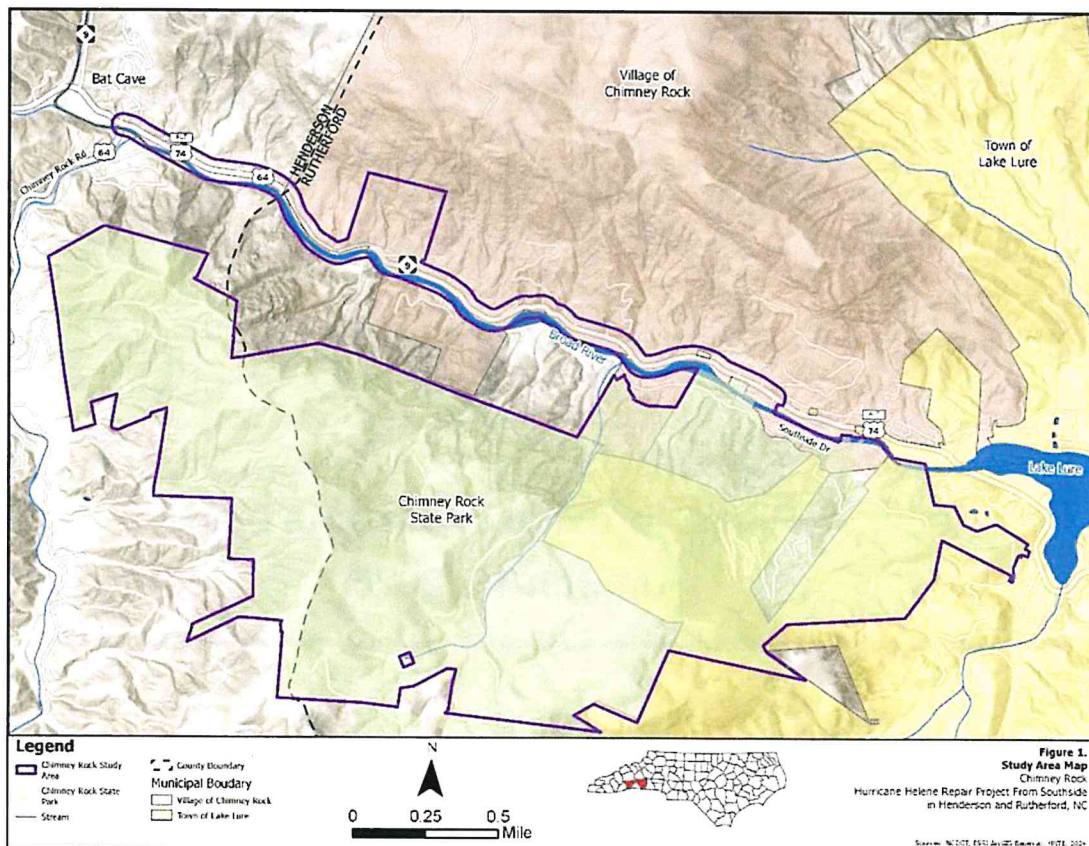
The U.S. 74A – Chimney Rock project will permanently repair damage caused by Hurricane Helene to U.S. 74A / N.C. 9 / U.S. 64, a two-lane undivided road, from its intersection with U.S. 64 in Bat Cave to east of the U.S. 74A and Terrace Drive intersection in Chimney Rock, approximately 2.6 miles. The project also includes the replacement of the U.S. 64 bridge in Bat Cave and Southside Drive and Chimney Rock Park Road bridges in Chimney Rock.

U.S. 74A will be reconstructed on much of its previous alignment. However, in some areas there will be shifts in alignment due to damage from Hurricane Helene and the shifting Broad River. The permanent alignment is still conceptual and technical investigations are underway to determine the most appropriate location.

Proposed concepts for the bridges are shown beginning on page 6. Two bridge concepts are proposed for the U.S. 64 bridge replacement in Bat Cave. Six bridge concepts are proposed for the replacement of the Southside Drive and Chimney Rock Park Road bridges.

Temporary access to Chimney Rock State Park (CRSP) will use Southside Drive, widening the current temporary bridge to two lanes until the permanent replacement bridge(s) can be constructed. Construction of the temporary access is scheduled to begin in April 2025.

Vicinity Map



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Meetings are an important step in the N.C. Department of Transportation's procedure for making you, the public, an integral part of the project development process. Our goal tonight is to provide you information on the project development process and the proposed design and gather your input. Your input helps guide our planners and engineers to develop transportation solutions that complement the community's goals and visions. A comment form is included with this handout. You may leave the comment form here with us tonight or email or mail it to us. You may also fill out the comment form on the project website.

Access the Project Webpage

<https://publicinput.com/US74AChimneyRock>

Comments may be submitted online or emailed to:

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Please provide comments by:

March 12, 2025

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PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the U.S. 74A – Chimney Rock project is to restore and improve critical infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene along a 2.6-mile stretch of U.S. 74A / N.C. 9 / U.S. 64 from its intersection with U.S. 64 in Bat Cave to east of the U.S. 74A and Terrace Drive intersection in Chimney Rock, including the replacement of the U.S. 64, Southside Drive and Chimney Rock Park Road bridges.

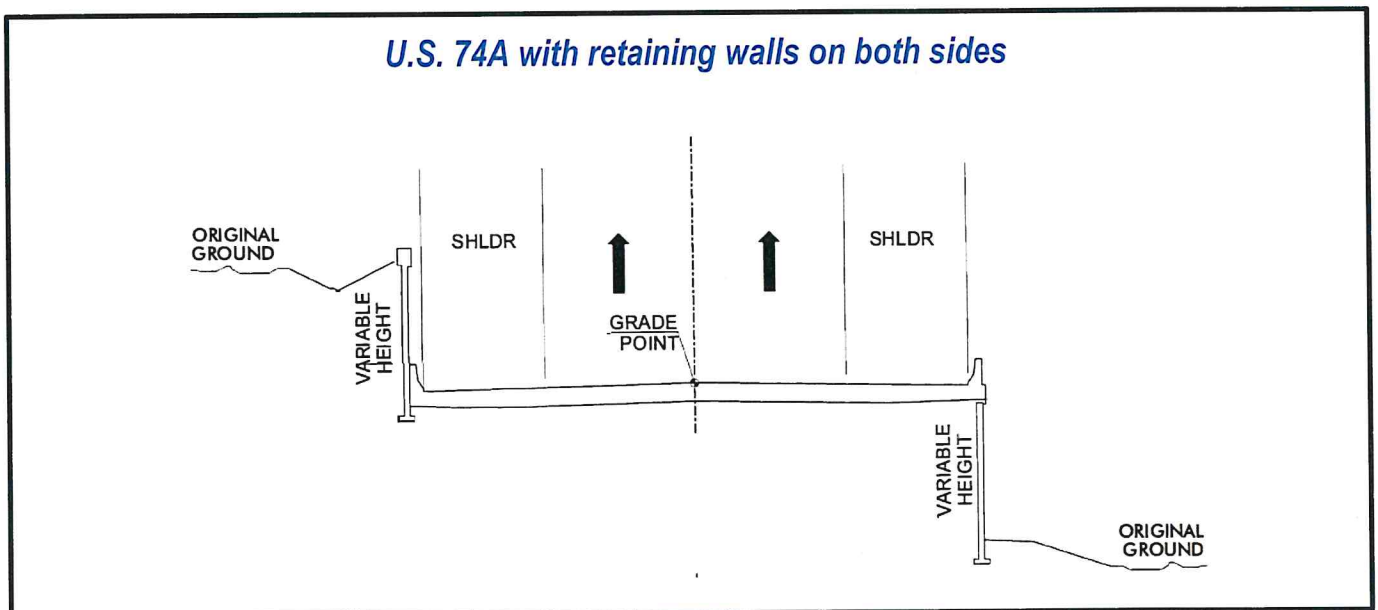
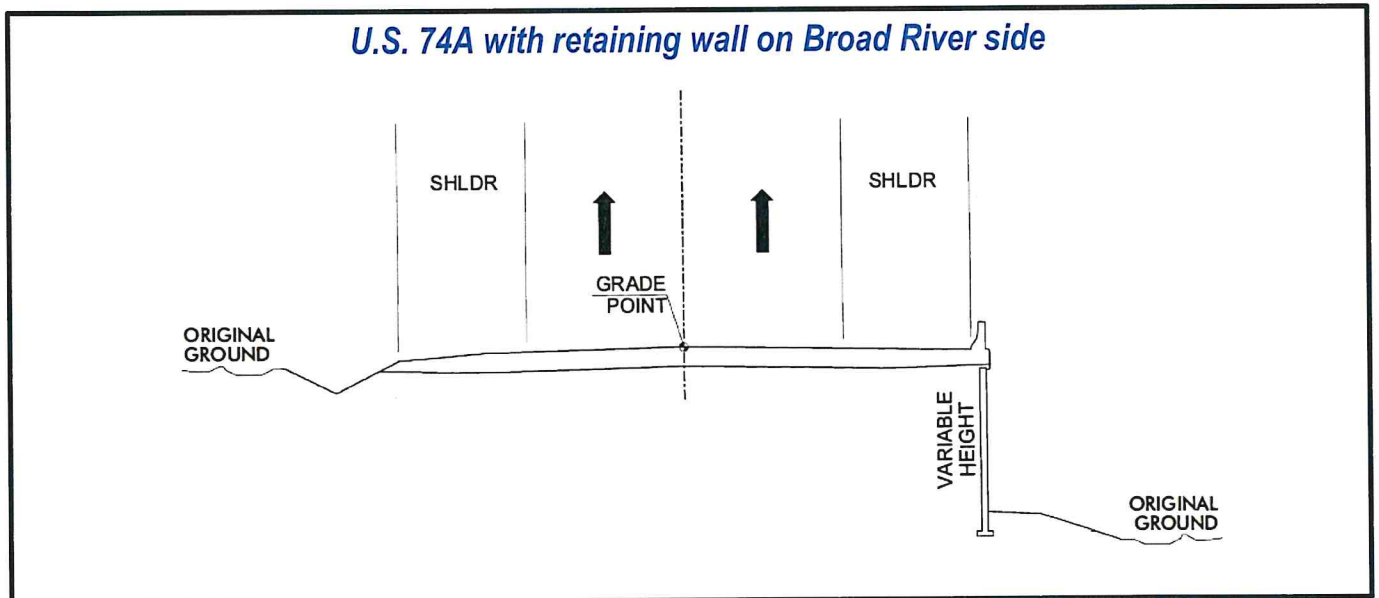
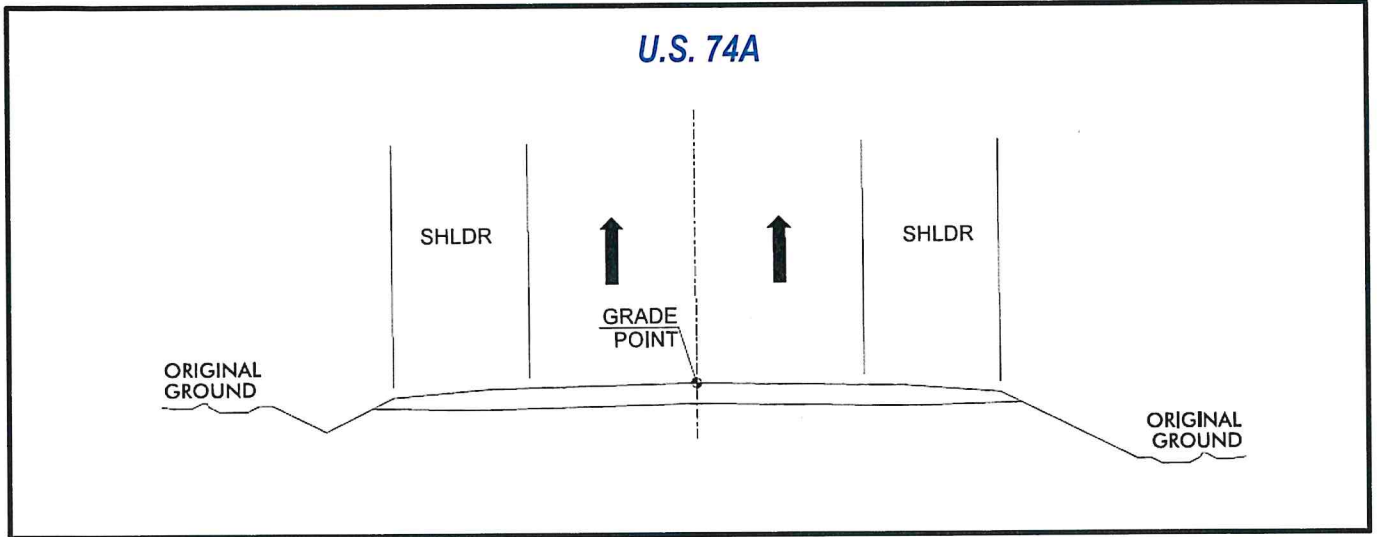
This project aims to reestablish safe and reliable access for the traveling public while enhancing the road's resilience against future natural disasters. Restoring this vital transportation link is essential for supporting the local economy, tourism, and emergency services.

PROJECT SCHEDULE*

Milestone	Date*
Begin construction of temporary access to CRSP	April 2025
Begin construction of permanent bridge(s) for Southside Drive and Chimney Rock Park Road	Summer 2025
Begin construction of new U.S. 64 bridge	Summer 2025
Finalize alignment of U.S. 74A	Summer 2025
Begin construction of U.S. 74A	Fall 2025

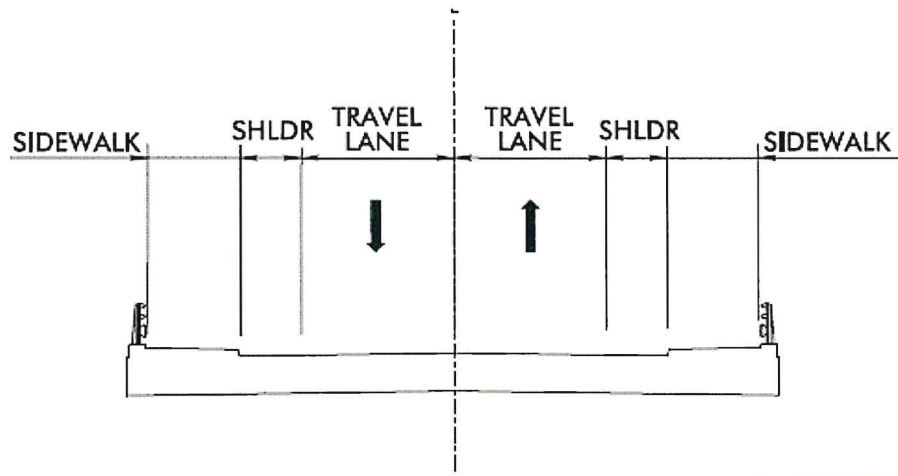
**Schedule is subject to change*

Proposed Typical Sections

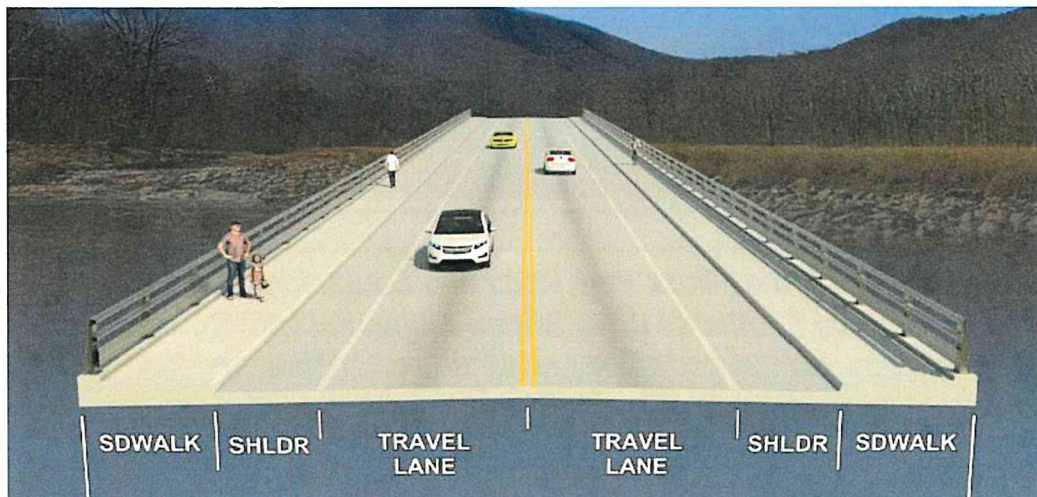


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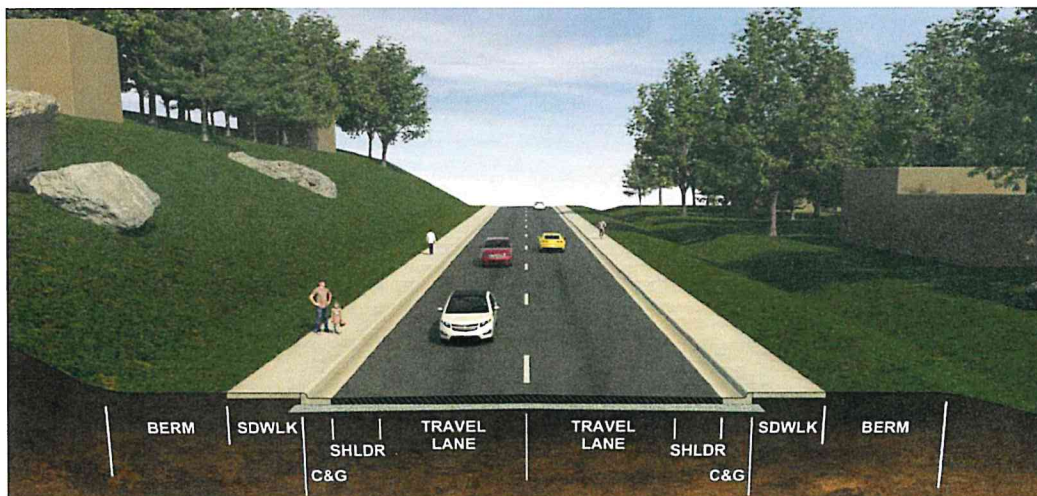
U.S. 64 Bridge



Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Combined Bridge



Chimney Rock Park Road



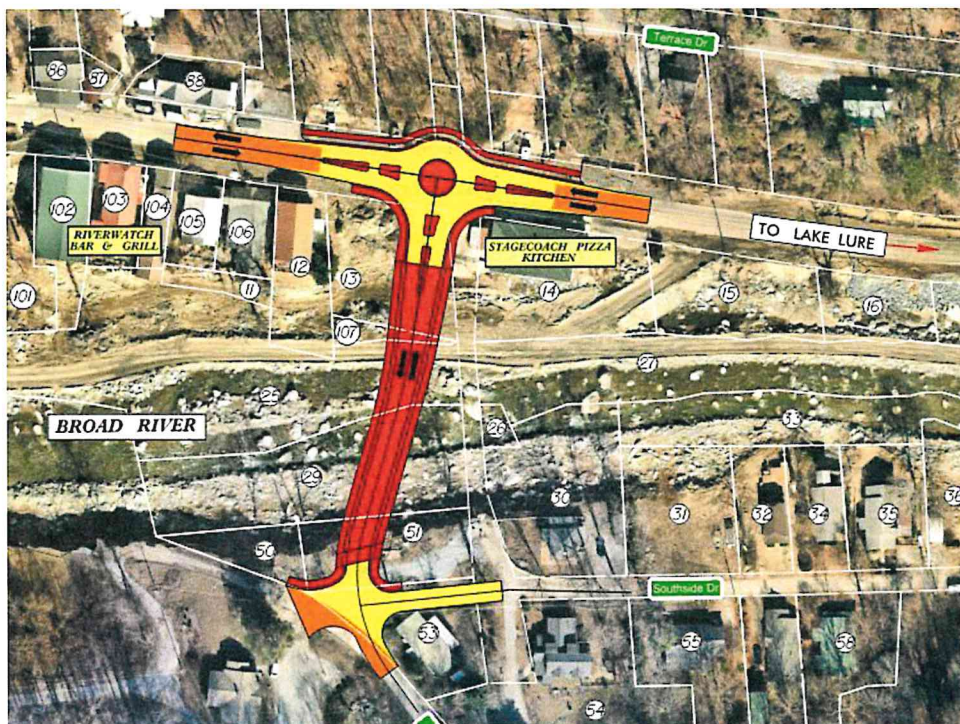
Proposed Bridge Options

Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive

Option 1: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges on Approximately Original Alignment



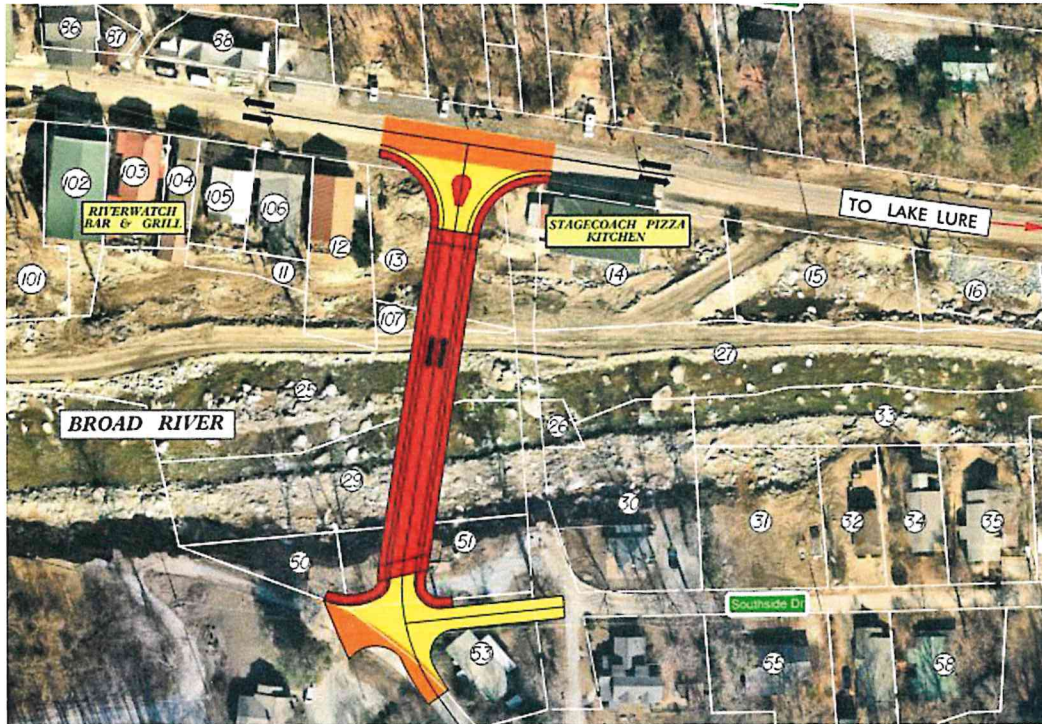
Option 2A: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges with 1 Bridge West of Original Southside Drive Bridge Alignment with Roundabout



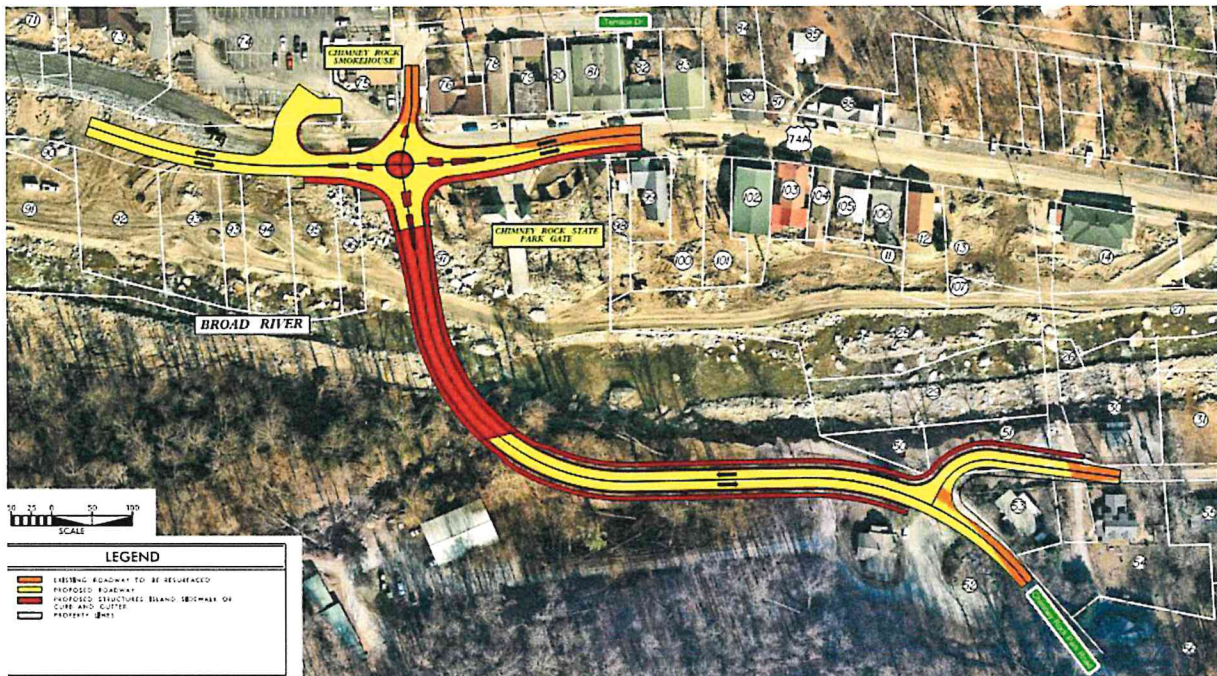
Proposed Bridge Options

Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive

Option 2B: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges with 1 Bridge West of Original Southside Drive Bridge Alignment with Traditional Intersection



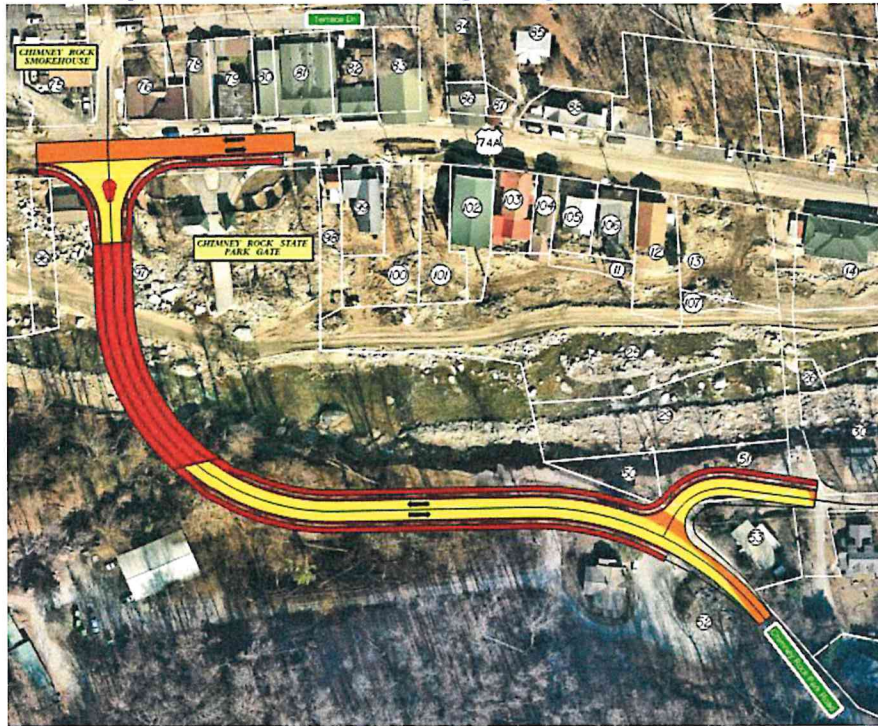
Option 3A: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges with 1 Bridge West of Original Chimney Rock Park Road Bridge Alignment with Roundabout



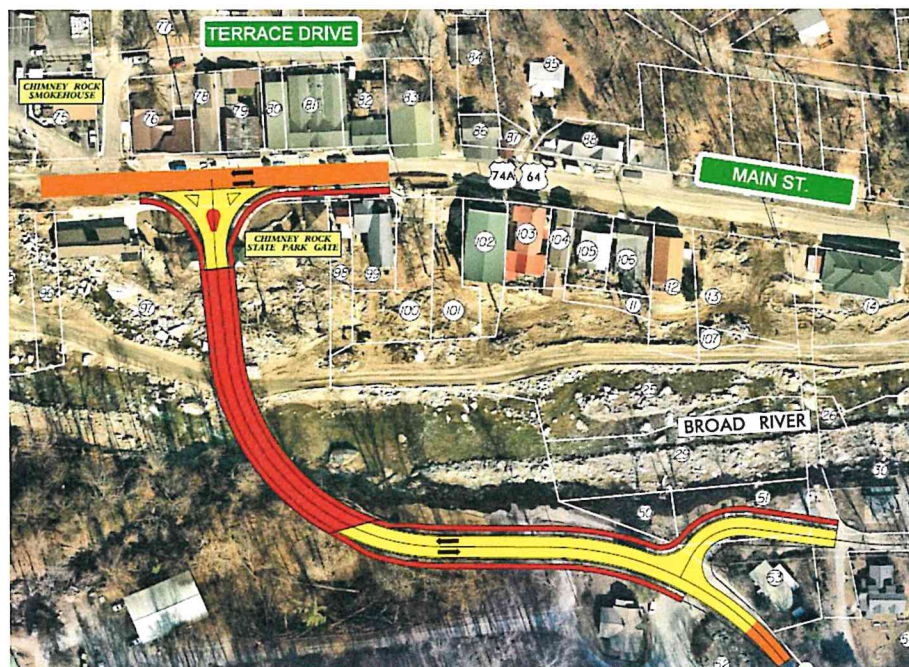
Proposed Bridge Options

Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive

Option 3B: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges with 1 Bridge West of Original Chimney Rock Park Road Bridge Alignment with Traditional Intersection



Option 4*: Replace Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive Bridges with 1 Bridge on Original Chimney Rock Park Road Bridge Alignment with Traditional Intersection



**This option is subject to review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. This review may take up to 1 year or more and requires concurrence from NC Historic Preservation Office.*

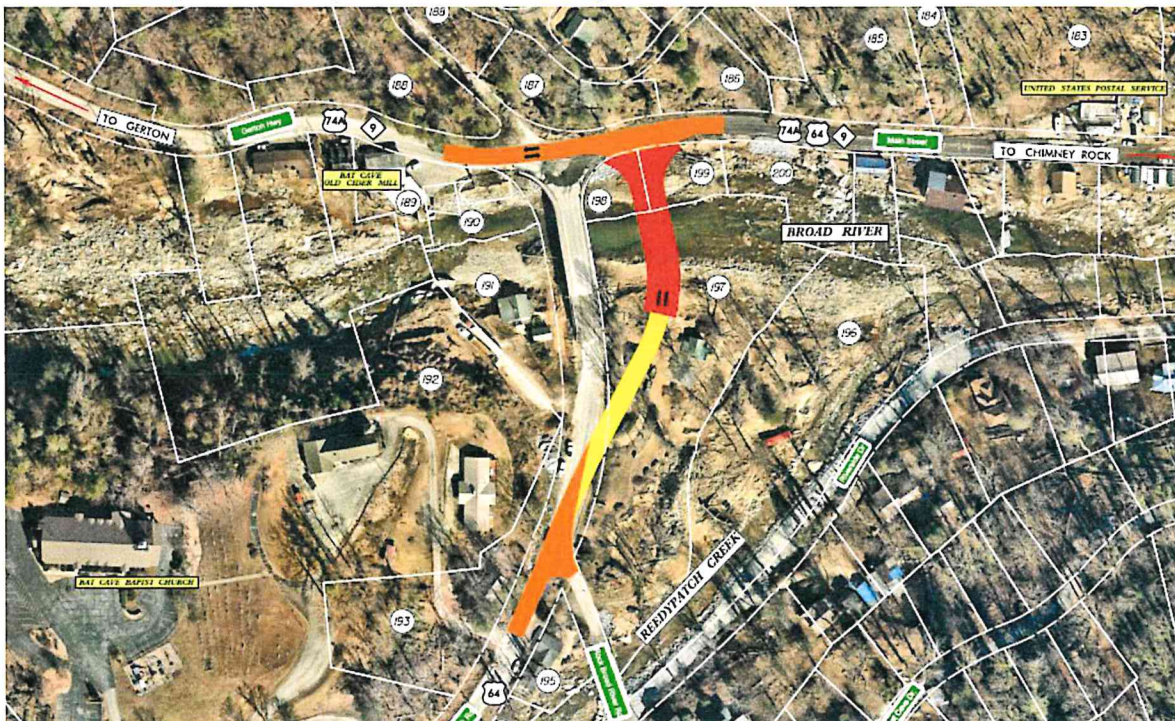
Proposed Bridge Options

U.S. 64 Bridge in Bat Cave

Option 1: Replace U.S. 64 Bridge in place (on same alignment) with temporary bridge to the east



Option 2: Replace U.S. 64 Bridge on new location to the east



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RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCESS

Once decisions are made regarding the final design of the project, the limits of the project will be staked on the ground. If you are an affected property owner, a right-of-way agent will arrange a meeting with you to explain the plans, how it affects you and your rights as a property owner.

If permanent right-of-way is required, then an appraisal will be completed, and an offer will be made to you based on that appraisal. The appraisal will be a fair market appraisal at the highest and best use of that property at that time.

NCDOT's policy is to:

- Contact affected property owners and conduct property appraisal
- Treat all owners and tenants equally
- Fully explain the owners' rights
- Provide current fair market value for property
- Provide relocation advisory assistance



Relocation Assistance

If your business or residence is to be acquired as part of the project, additional assistance in the form of advice and compensation is available.

Get Involved, Stay Informed

Public participation and feedback are integral to the project development process. By sharing your ideas and concerns, you can help us identify appropriate transportation solutions in your community.

For more information about this project and to provide feedback, please visit
<https://publicinput.com/US74AChimneyRock>

Comments may be submitted online, emailed, or mailed to:
US74AChimneyRock@publicinput.com

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*Your feedback is important — please submit your comments by **March 12, 2025***

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TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORM

Completing this form is **completely** voluntary. You are not required to provide the information requested in order to participate in this meeting.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related authorities, the N.C. Department of Transportation assures that no person(s) shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any of the Department's programs, policies, or activities, based on their race, color, national origin, disability, age, income, or gender.

Completing this form helps meet our data collection and public involvement obligations under Title VI and NEPA, and will improve how we serve the public. Please place the completed form in the designated box on the sign-in table, hand it to an NCDOT official or mail it to the Environmental Analysis Unit, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598.

All forms will remain on file at the NCDOT as part of the public record.

Zip Code: _____ Street Name: <i>(i.e. Main Street)</i> _____ Total Household Income: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$47,000 – \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 – \$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 – \$93,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 – \$30,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$94,000 – \$117,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$31,000 – \$46,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$118,000 or greater	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44 Have a Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Race/Ethnicity: Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below. <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native – <i>Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <i>Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian <input type="checkbox"/> Somali <i>Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemalan <i>Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese <input type="checkbox"/> Iranian <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian <input type="checkbox"/> Syrian <input type="checkbox"/> Iraqi <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli <i>Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian <input type="checkbox"/> Marshallese <i>Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> White – <i>Provide details below.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Polish <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish <i>Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.</i> _____	

How did you hear about this meeting? (newspaper advertisement, flyer, and/or mailing) _____

For more information regarding Title VI or this request, please contact the NCDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Program at (919) 508-1808 or toll free at 1-800-522-0453, or by email at titleVI@ncdot.gov. Thank you for your participation!



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Public Meeting: February 26 2025

Location: Rutherford and Henderson Counties

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

(Note – contact information will only be used to provide project updates and respond to comments)

Do you have questions or comments regarding the U.S. 74A – Chimney Rock project?

Do you have a bridge option preference for Chimney Rock Park Road and Southside Drive? Please specify option number.

Do you have a bridge option preference for U.S. 64? Please specify option number.

Additional comments or questions can be submitted in the following ways:

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