



# MARTINSVILLE SOUTHERN CONNECTOR / ROUTE 220

Location Decision Review

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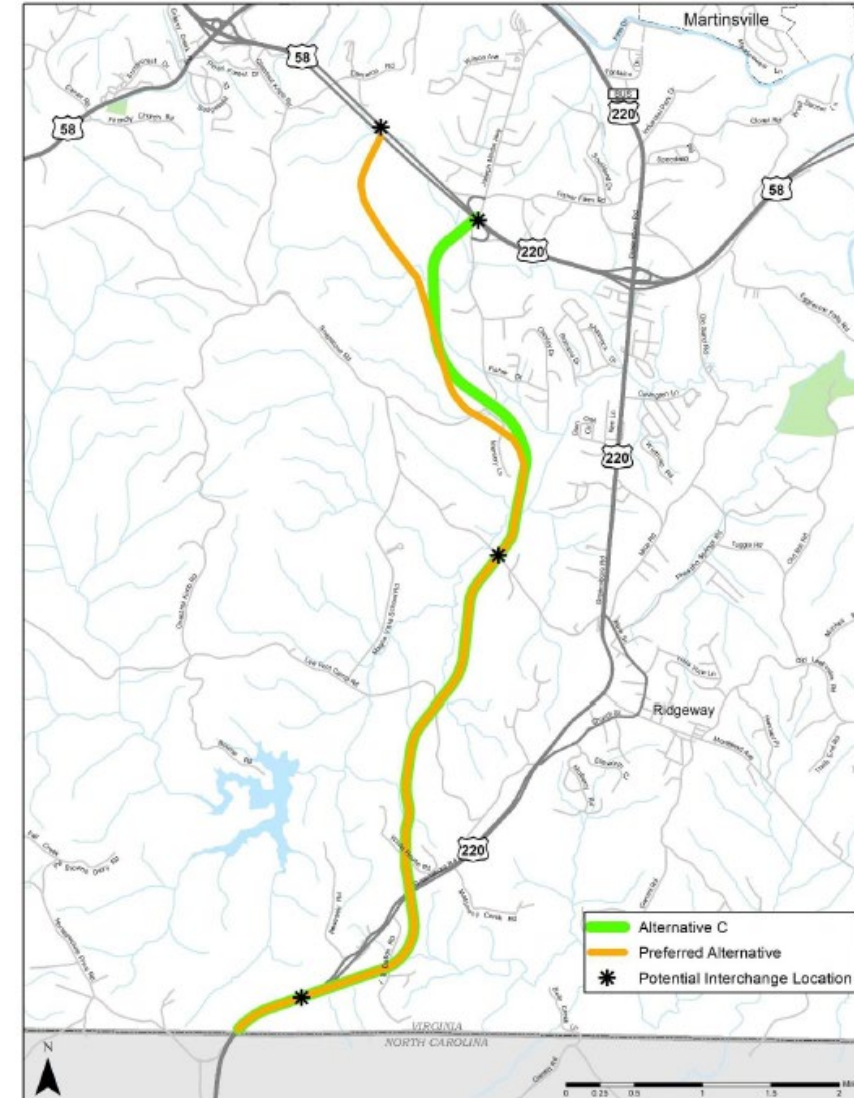
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# CTB Location Decision Policy

- **In September 2022, CTB adopted a policy to review all location decisions three years after approval**
- **The Martinsville Southern Connector/Route 220 (MSC) Location Decision meets the criteria to be reviewed under this policy**
  - MSC Location Decision, dated January 15, 2020

# MSC Background

- **2016: Federal earmarks used to advance MSC Study**
- **2018: VDOT initiates MSC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- **January 2020: CTB identifies the location for the project (Alternative C from the EIS)**
  - CTB further directs VDOT to study ways to reduce impacts
- **February 2020: FHWA issues Draft EIS**
  - Includes Alternative C
- **September 2021: FHWA issues Final EIS**
  - Includes the Modified Alternative C



# Purpose and Need for MSC EIS

**The purpose of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study is to enhance mobility for both local and regional traffic traveling along Route 220 between the North Carolina state line and Route 58 near Martinsville, Virginia.**

**The Martinsville Southern Connector Study addresses the following needs:**

- Accommodate Regional Traffic;**
- Accommodate Local Traffic; and,**
- Address Geometric Deficiencies and Inconsistencies.**

# Estimated Impacts of Alternatives

Resource	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C*	Preferred Alternative (Modified Alternative C)
Residential Properties (acres)	64	82	85	58
Industrial Properties (acres)	2	48	48	8.5
Community Facilities Affected (#)	1	3	3	1
Conversion of Land to Transportation Facility (acres)	574	584	541	496
Streams (linear feet)	28,998	20,548	21,882	17,835
Wetlands (acres)	7.8	5.9	3.7	3.24
Forest Clearing (acres)	360	276	221	298

*\*Alternative C from DEIS is the location decision, dated January 15, 2020*

# Actions Taken Since the Final EIS

- **Funding for the next phase of the project was identified and committed by the CTB in July 2021**
- **Board approved safety improvements on southern portion of Route 220 from the state line to mile marker 3.0**
- **Ongoing study of innovative intersection designs and modifying access along Route 220 between Route 58 and Route 87 to improve safety and traffic flow**
  - Anticipated to be completed by late 2024

# VDOT Recommendation

- **Affirm the previous decision of the Board and modify to appropriately include the Modified Alternative C**
- **Study of the corridor continues to be advanced and refined**
- **Safety improvements have been implemented in the corridor**