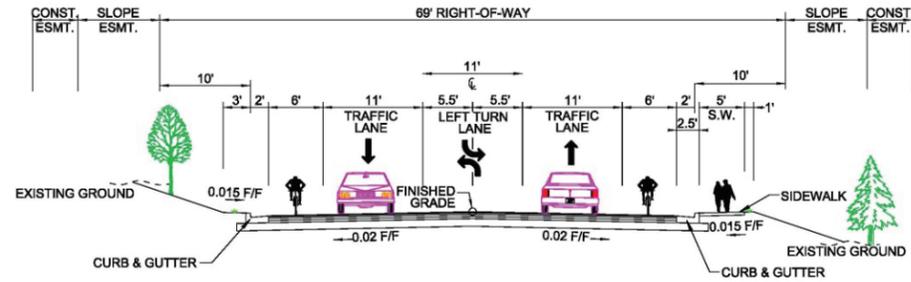


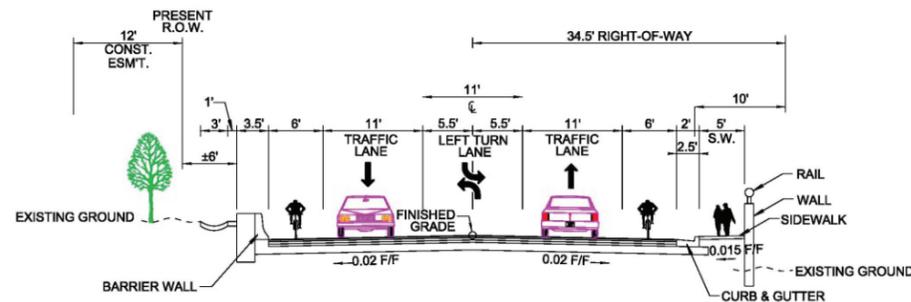
Project Information Sheet

**State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard)
Corridor Improvement Project
From East Center Street in Kingsport to East of Cooks Valley Road
Kingsport, Sullivan County
Pin # 105467.01, State # 82085-1234-14, Federal # STP-126(16)**



S.R. 126 Segment 5 Cross Section

The cross section within this last segment is further compressed as it passes between Yancey's tavern and East Lawn Memorial Gardens with retaining walls on both sides of the roadway. This design avoids taking property from the Yancey's Tavern which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and avoids displacing any known grave sites.



S.R. 126 Compressed Cross Section

Comments or Questions?

You are invited to ask questions and provide your comments at this time. A court reporter will also be present to receive any verbal comments that will become part of the project transcript. Comment forms are also available this evening if you prefer to make a written statement. Comments should be submitted to the address on the comment form within 21 days (December 10, 2015) for inclusion in the transcript. For additional information regarding the project, please contact:

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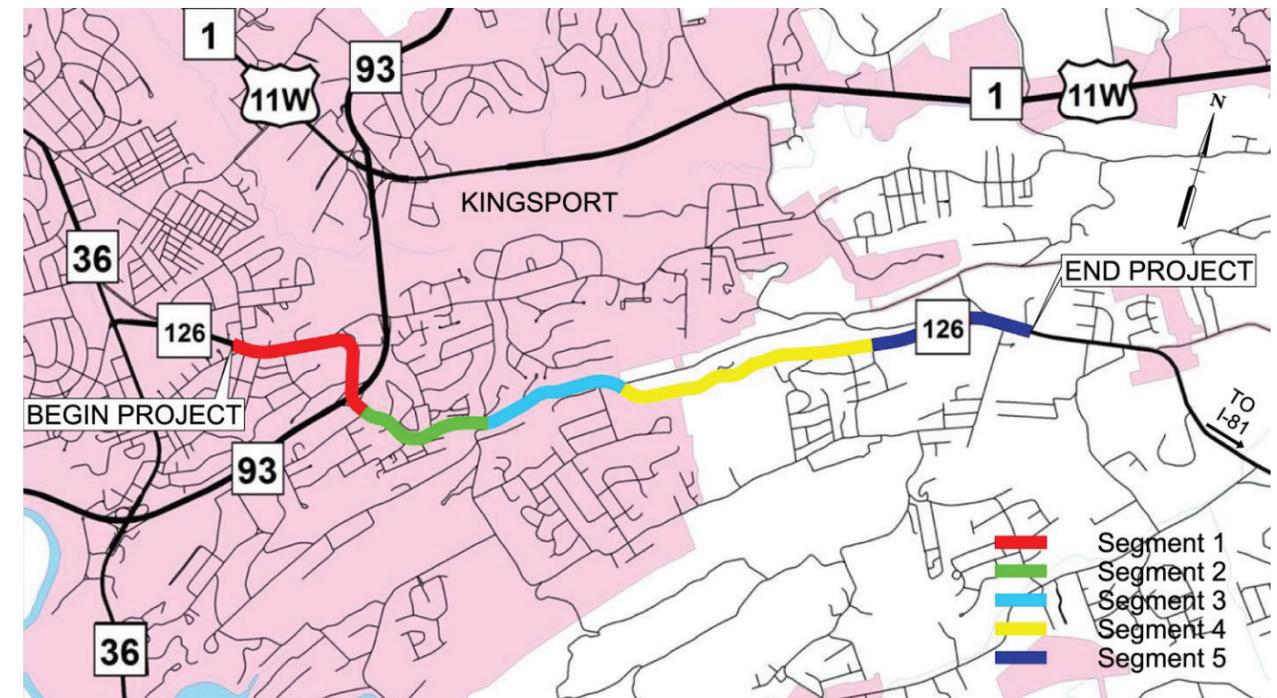
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Project History

This four mile section of SR 126, from East Center Street to East of Cooks Valley Road, is the first section of a corridor improvement project with the overall purpose of providing a safe and efficient route for local traffic between the City of Kingsport and I-81. The project is intended to:

- Reduce the crash rate;
- Improve roadway safety;
- Improve roadway curvature and shoulder widths for vehicles and;
- Improve access and overall traffic operations.

Additional goals include minimizing impacts to and complementing the rural nature of the area and improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.



The preliminary design for this segment has evolved from an extensive process during which TDOT has consulted with local, state, and federal officials and agencies, identified environmentally sensitive areas, and held six public involvement sessions and two public

hearings. The process included the development of a Community Resource Team (CRT) which made recommendations that were utilized to develop project alternatives.

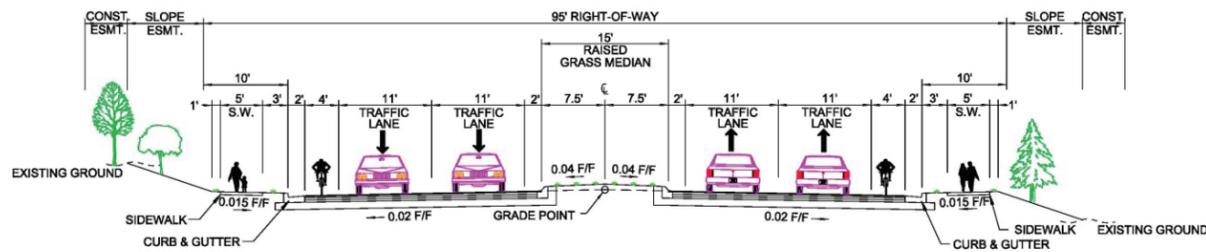
While three build alternatives were considered during the environmental review process, Alternative B Modified was selected for development based on stakeholder comments and its ability to address the defined transportation needs and minimize impacts to the environment. This alternative proposes four travel lanes from East Center Street to Harbor Chapel Road, three travel lanes from Harbor Chapel Road to Old Stage Road, and two travel lanes from Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road.

Project Description

During the preliminary design phase the preferred alternative, Alternative B Modified, has been further developed and refined. The project has five segments with a different roadway cross section for each segment.

Segment 1: East Center Street to Stratford Road

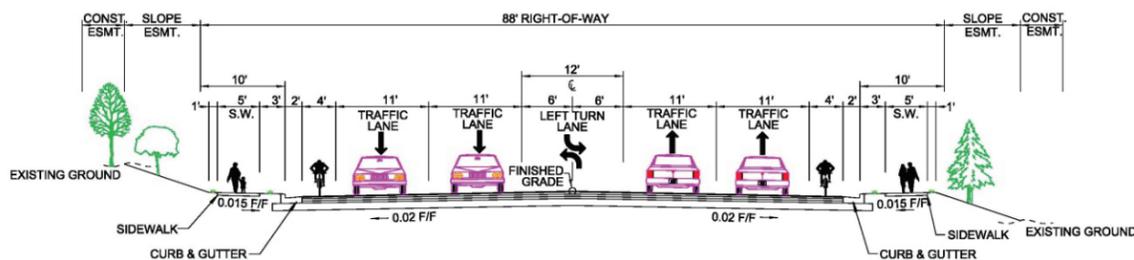
The first segment of the project, beginning at East Center Street and extending to Stratford Road includes a cross section with four eleven-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction) and a raised fifteen-foot wide grass median (including curbs). Both sides of the roadway will include four-foot wide paved shoulders, curb and gutter, grass strip, and sidewalks. The design speed for this segment is 35 miles per hour.



S.R. 126 Segment 1 Cross Section

Segment 2: Stratford Road to Harbor Chapel Road

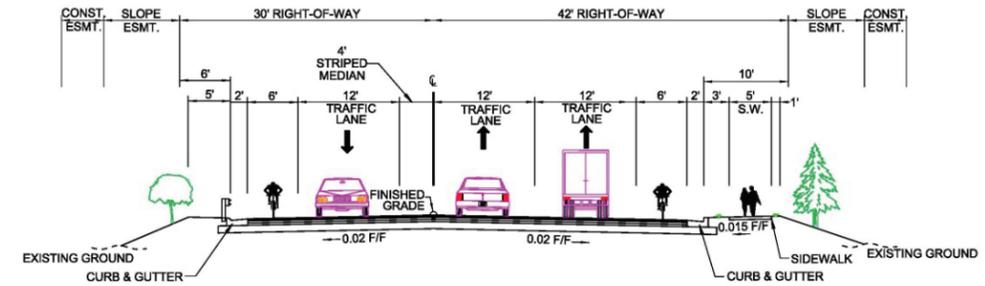
This segment of SR 126 also includes a cross section with four eleven-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction). The median in this cross section will consist of a twelve-foot wide two-way left turn lane. Both sides of the roadway will include four-foot wide paved shoulders, curb and gutter, grass strip, and sidewalks. The design speed for this segment is also 35 miles per hour.



S.R. 126 Segment 2 Cross Section

Segment 3: Harbor Chapel Road to Old Stage Road

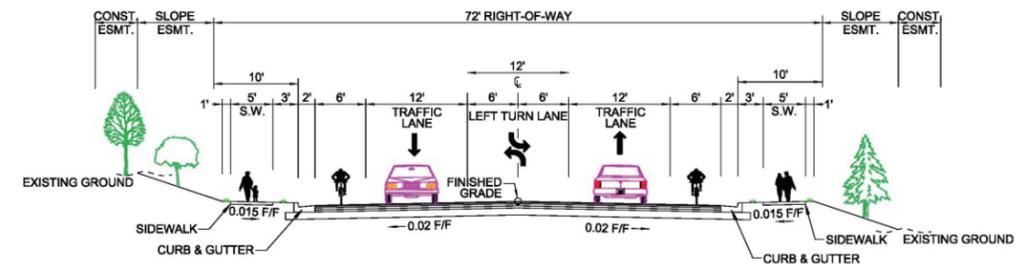
At Harbor Chapel Road the roadway is reduced from four lanes to a two-lane roadway (one lane in each direction) with an additional eastbound truck climbing lane. Travel lanes are twelve foot in width. The eastbound and westbound travel lanes are separated with a four-foot striped median. Both sides of the cross section also include six-foot wide shoulders, curb and gutter, grass strip, and sidewalks, with the exception of no sidewalks along the north side between Woodridge Avenue and Old Stage Road. The design speed beginning with this segment to the end of the project is 45mph.



S.R. 126 Segment 3 Cross Section

Segment 4: Old Stage Road to LeMay Drive

At Old Stage Road the cross section transitions to a two-lane roadway with twelve-foot wide lanes (one in each direction) and a twelve-foot wide center two-way left turn lane. Both sides of the road will have six-foot shoulders, curb and gutter, grass strips and sidewalks.



S.R. 126 Segment 4 Cross Section

Segment 5: LeMay Drive to Cooks Valley Road

The last segment of the project will also be a two-lane roadway with a center turn lane. However the lanes in this segment have been reduced to eleven-foot wide lanes to reduce the impacts to East Lawn Memorial Gardens and Yancey's Tavern. Both Sides will still have six-foot wide shoulders with curb and gutter. Sidewalk will continue along the south side of SR 126 adjacent to the curb and gutter without a grass strip.