

MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018
2:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Randy Ognio, Fayette County BOC
Carlos Christian, Fayette County Staff
Ellen Walls, Town of Brooks Staff
Chris Hindman, City of Fayetteville Staff
Martin Sas, Fayette County Citizen Representative
Mayor Gary Laggis, Town of Woolsey
Phil Mallon, Fayette County Staff
Shayne Robinson, Peachtree City Citizen Representative
Lt. Gary Farr, Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Jaimi Tapp, Town of Tyrone Citizen Representative

Committee Member Absent: Charles W. Oddo, Fayette County BOC

Guests:

Joseph Robinson	Jonathan Webster
Regan Hammond	Bradley Klinger
Steve Hoffman	Vanessa Birrell
Phillip Trocquet	Greg Teague
Courtney Hassenahl	

1. Call to Order by Chair Randy Ognio

Chairman Ognio called the July 10, 2018 Transportation Committee meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Chairman Ognio acknowledged that a Quorum of the Transportation Committee was present.

3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Agenda item **7a Continued discussion on priority transportation projects** will be tabled until the August 7th Transportation Committee meeting. Mrs. Robinson moved to accept the updated agenda. Mr. Christian second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the June 5, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes.

The meeting minutes item **7a Update on GDOT's McDonough Road Widening Project** was updated to include Dennis Davenports assigned to draft the resolution letter to GDOT. The motion to approve the

June 5, 2018 meeting minutes with updates was made by Mrs. Robinson. Mr. Hindman second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of Committee Members

- A. Shayne Robinson reported Peachtree City is developing a bike friendly resolution into application.
- B. Phil Mallon reported that he has updated the traffic calming policy based on the Committee's decisions. The document is being reviewed by the County Attorney.
- C. Carlos Christian reported the Westbridge Road / Veterans Parkway/ SR 92 intersection will be completed and open in 2 weeks.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Continued discussion on priority transportation projects;

Tabled until August 7th meeting. Mr. Mallon will email committee members a list of projects, drafted from the June meeting, for group review.

b. Review of Fairburn's letter to GDOT for the SR 74 & I-85 Interchange project.

Commissioner Ognio provided an update of Interchange project (GDOT PI 07841) and funding shortfall facing the project. A copy of the July 6, 2018 letter sent by the City of Fairburn to the GDOT Director of Planning was provided for review. *See page 5-7*

8. New Business

a. Update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Regan Hammond and Jonathan Webster of Jacobs provided an update of the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). They explained the methods Jacobs Engineering used to inventory and assess the County's existing infrastructure, including, surveys, field work, public meetings and workshops. The information was then analyzed against the County's existing and future land use plan. This analysis will generate a Needs Analysis and, ultimately, project recommendations. The next round of Public Meetings is being held in July, with a meeting in Peachtree City on July 12 and another in Fayetteville on July 16. The completed CTP is expected in late November.

b. Concepts for the 2017 SPLOST projects

Mr. Greg Teague of Croy Engineering, Fayette County's Transportation Engineer of Record, provided a review of several 2017 SPLOST project Croy has been work. All are in the concept-development stage. *See pages 8 -17*

i. Kenwood Road School Zone

This project is on the SPLOST list due to the line of cars that queue on Kenwood Road waiting for student drop-off or pick-up. Mr. Teague presented various solutions to remedy the problem, including: 1) a new driveway off Thornton Lane, 2) and expanded, internal driveway, and 3) a longer right turn lane on Kenwood Road. The Transportation Committee preferred Option 2 and suggested staff ask the Board of Education for funding for the work on BOE property and Fayette County to pay for work in the existing ROW. Shayne Robinson made a motion to speak with BOE concerning this solution. Ellen Walls second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Brogdon & New Hope Roads – Intersection

This existing intersection is a two-way stop, with free-flow on New Hope Road. Based on the past five years of data, there are 4 accidents per year (average) at the intersection. Mr. Teague presented two intersection improvement options: a roundabout and a multilane 4-way stop. He said the construction costs for both options would be similar, but the roundabout provides substantially better safety improvements. Mrs. Robinson motioned to support the roundabout option. Mrs. Walls second the motion. The motion passed 8:1:2. Lt. Farr opposed the motion noting he did not consider it a top safety issue. Commissioner Oddo was absent and Mrs. Tapp departed the meeting at 2:50 pm, prior to the vote.

iii. Redwine, Bernhard & Peachtree Parkway – Intersection

This is an existing four way stop with golf cart crosswalks on Bernhard Road and the north side of Redwine Road. Croy looked at safety and operational issues at the intersection and developed two options. One option is to add a turn lane to each approach. The second option is to convert the intersection to a roundabout and provide path crossings on each approach. The Committee also discussed having path crossings only at the existing locations, i.e. Bernhard Road and the north side of Redwine Road. The cost estimate for the roundabout option with four path crossings will exceed the existing SPLOST budget for the project. The Committee voted to move forward with the roundabout option and acknowledged the unknowns associated with construction funding. Mrs. Robinson moved to motion the vote. Mayor Laggis second the vote. The vote passed unanimously. The Committee also asked staff to look at the design costs and time associated with federal funding for construction, as well as other possible funding sources, such as the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB).

iv. Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer & Spear Road

This project aims to address safety issues associated with the offset of Spear Road and Ebenezer Church Rd, and the limited sight distance issue create by a hill on Ebenezer Road. Mr. Teague presented a roundabout option and a 2-way stop with turn lanes. Existing cemeteries in the area complicate, and restrict, design options. Mrs. Robinson motioned to support the roundabout. Mrs. Walls second the motion. The motion passed 6:3:2 with Lt. Farr, Mr. Christian and Mr. Mallon voting in opposition, and Commissioner Oddo being absent and Mrs. Tapp departed the meeting at 2:50pm. Mr. Mallon suggested that the cemeteries be

delineated and plotted on the concepts before the Committee take a formal position. Mrs. Robinson motioned to vote that once the research is done on the cemeteries Mr. Teague will return to the committee with updated concepts. Mr. Mallon second the vote. The vote passed unanimously by all members present.

c. Chip Seal Preservation process on Huckaby Road & Robinson Road.

Steve Hoffman, Fayette County Road Director, presented various methods the Road Department uses throughout the County. He stated that Chip Seal is not a new process; however it was not used within the County since 1979 when the County began to pave roads. Rejuvenator, Crack Seal Fill, HA5, and double surface Chip Seal, overlay, mill – patch – overlay, Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) are techniques used throughout the County to maintain the roads. Mr. Hoffman state Chip Seal was successfully used on Huckaby and Robinson Rd.

The Committee discussed the bridge on the golf cart path on Redwine Road that is eroding. Mr. Mallon stated that the bridge contract state that Peachtree City and the County share the maintenance equally. The State funded, constructed and inspected the bridge. Mr. Hoffman discussed various options to repair the bridge, more wood, composite wood or concrete overlay. All options have to offer traction for golf carts and address freezing concerns for the winter.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Ognio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

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July 6, 2018

Mr. Jay Roberts
Director of Planning
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, N.W.
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RE: I-85 at SR 74 Interchange Project Funding Shortfall

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for the warm reception extended at our meeting held on May 8th to discuss the I-85 @ SR74 Interchange Project Funding shortfall. The genuine interest you displayed in resolving this very important issue was extremely refreshing. As you know, the I-85 at SR 74 Interchange is critical to the residents and businesses in our community as it provides direct access to the I-85 corridor. Regional growth in this area of new residences and jobs has contributed to the increasing congestion at this interchange. The I-85 at SR 74 Interchange Project will provide congestion relief for the current travel demand and the forecasted growth. Local and regional residents and businesses will see tangible benefits of reduced delay both during the peak and off-peak travel hours.

Reconstruction of the I-85 at SR 74 Interchange will benefit travelers accessing I-85 and those passing along the SR 74 corridors for local trips. Improving flow through the interchange and new infrastructure will increase access to the growing number of jobs along SR 74 and nearby Oakley Industrial Blvd. The I-85 at SR 74 Interchange Project is also critical to improving access to the greater Atlanta area from the southern portion of the region.

Because of its significance to the region, the 74 Gateway Coalition, comprised of the City of Fairburn, Peachtree City, the Town of Tyrone, Fayette County, and the South Fulton Community Improvement District, have been working with the Atlanta Regional Commission since 2004 to create an improved SR 74 Corridor. In fact, the Coalition contributed more than \$500,000 toward the initial design study, which ultimately recommended the partial cloverleaf as the

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preferred modification alternative. In addition, in May of 2013 Fayette County offered \$13,712,000 in federal funding to be reprogrammed towards this project.

The projected growth, used in the Interchange Modification Report (IMR) is quickly becoming a reality. Over the last couple of years, the City of Fairburn has had the privilege of becoming the home of several major developments totaling approximately 5 million square feet in industrial/warehouse space. Because of the ability to access several interstates, the intermodal rail yard, the international airport, and the proximity to the Port of Savannah, we expect to continue to attract other premier companies. Within Fayette County there are three Developments of Regional Impact being evaluated or under construction that are predicted to generate over 40,000 net new trips, many of which will use the SR 74 at I-85 Interchange.

Further compounding this issue is the current expansion of the Fairburn CSX Intermodal Facility which has an expected completion date of early 2019. The new facility will have a significant amount of automation. The expansion combined with the new automation will give this intermodal facility the capability of doubling its container handling capacity providing the ability to serve more customers both inbound and outbound. This intermodal facility is a logistics hub serving California and all of the major cities east of the Mississippi River.

With the influx of new developments in the area coupled with the expansion of the CSX Intermodal Facility, the potential benefits to be derived from the interchange modification are needed now more than ever; especially if we are to continue to attract leading businesses and realize the State of Georgia's desire to be known as a freight and logistics hub. In this competitive market, the South Metropolitan Region and the State of Georgia cannot afford to allow a failing interchange to deter us from seizing current opportunities nor prevent us from reaching our full potential.

With that being said, the City of Fairburn and its partners respectfully request the Georgia Department of Transportation assist the Coalition in any way possible to find the additional funding needed to proceed to right-of-way acquisition to include the solution provided at the May 8th meeting of splitting the right-of-way funding over two fiscal years and tapping into the project's allocated construction funding. Allowing the project to continue to right-of-way acquisition will not only allow the project to move closer to implementation and the benefits to be derived there from but also provide the Coalition with time to continue to seek the funding required for construction.

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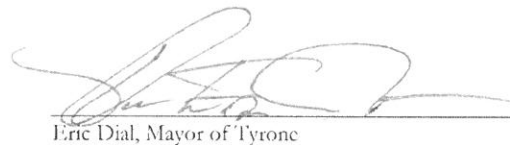
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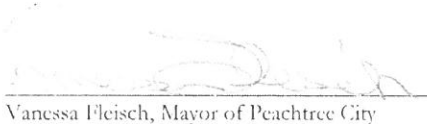
If this is no longer a viable option, the City of Fairburn along with the 74 Gateway Coalition respectfully requests the Department reallocate funding from a project of lesser regional importance or one with less potential of furthering the State's reputation as a premier logistics hub. Additional funding of the I-85 at SR 74 Interchange Project should be viewed as modest investment by the Department in the future of the State with a likely insurmountable return.

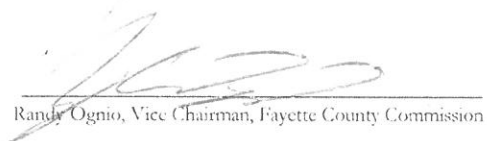
The City of Fairburn and the 74 Gateway Coalition appreciates your thoughtful consideration of the above requests. We would also like to thank the Georgia Department of Transportation for the guidance and support we have received thus far. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Department to address both the current and future transportation needs of the South Metropolitan Region.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, Mayor of Fairburn


Eric Dial, Mayor of Tyrone


Vanessa Fleisch, Mayor of Peachtree City

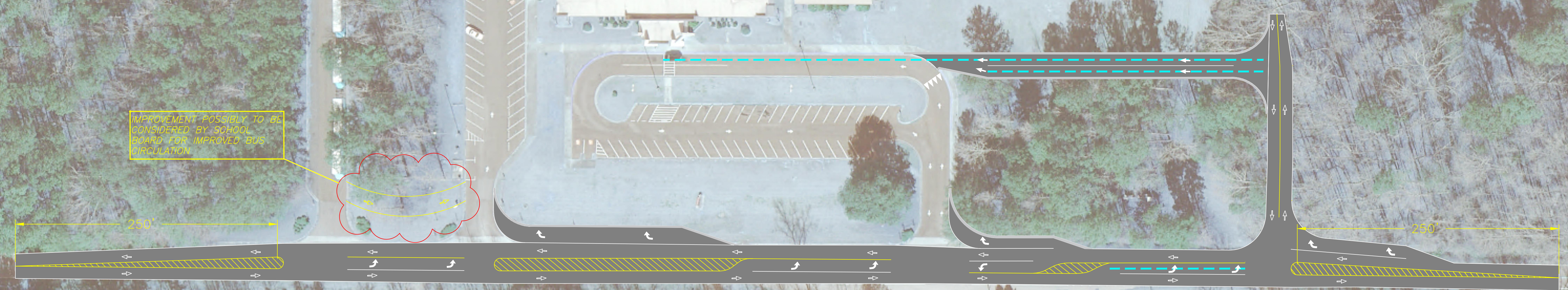
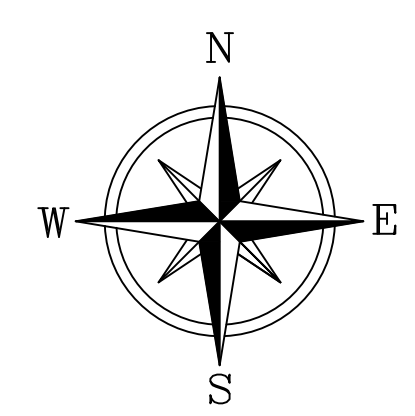

Randy Ognio, Vice Chairman, Fayette County Commission


Marty Ross, Chairman, South Fulton CID

- c: Honorable Dana Lemon, State Transportation Board Member
Honorable Lynn Westmoreland, State Transportation Board Member
Honorable Jamie Boswell, Chairman, State Transportation Board Member
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Meg Pirkle, P.E., Chief Engineer
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Kenwood Rd School Zone Improvements Option A

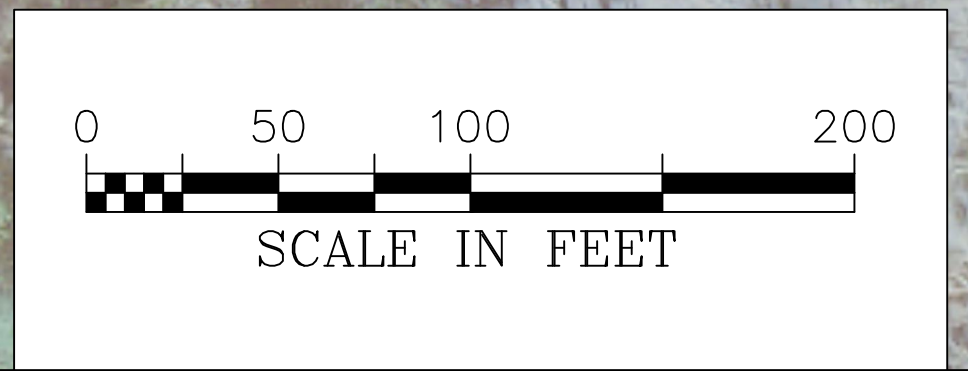
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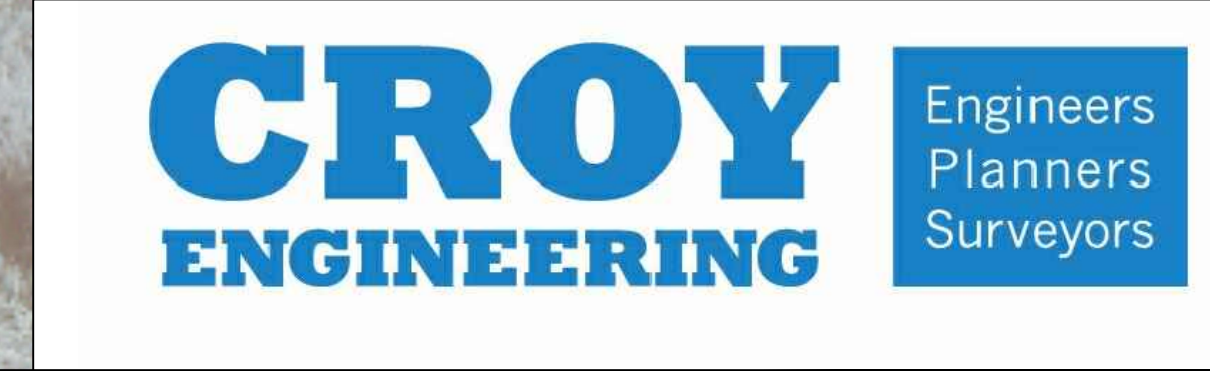
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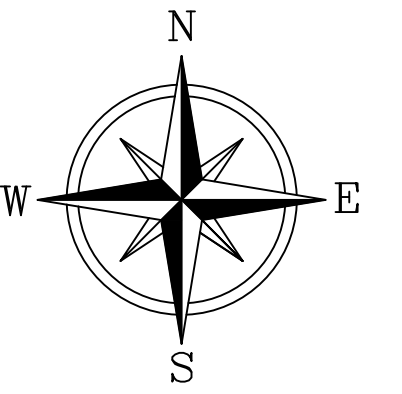


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 - Queuing Lanes
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- Kenwood Rd: 35 mph
Existing Storage: 530 ft
Proposed Storage: 970 ft



Kenwood Rd School Zone Improvements Option B

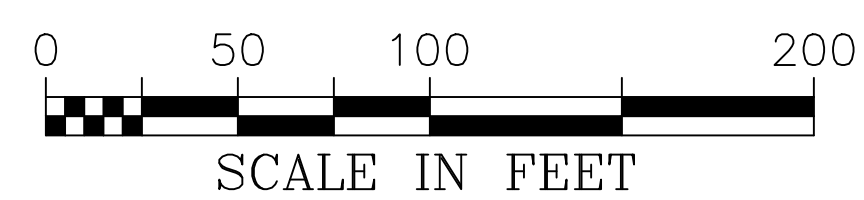
Extended Loop with Additional Turn & Storage Lanes



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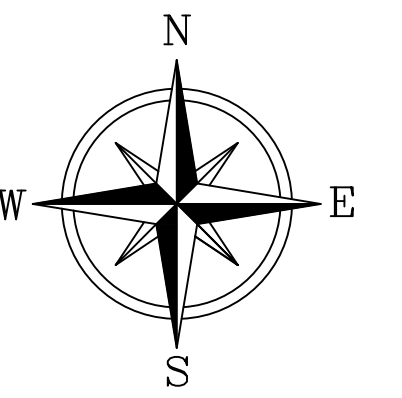
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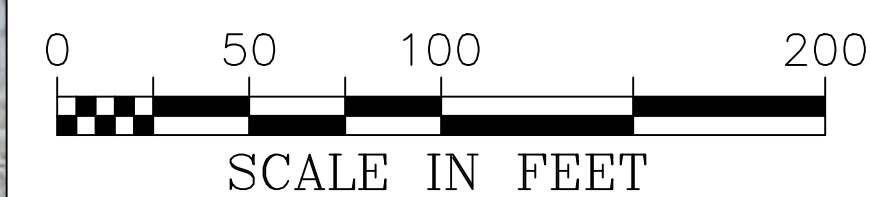


Kenwood Rd School Zone Improvements Option C

Additional Storage on Single Extended Turn Lane



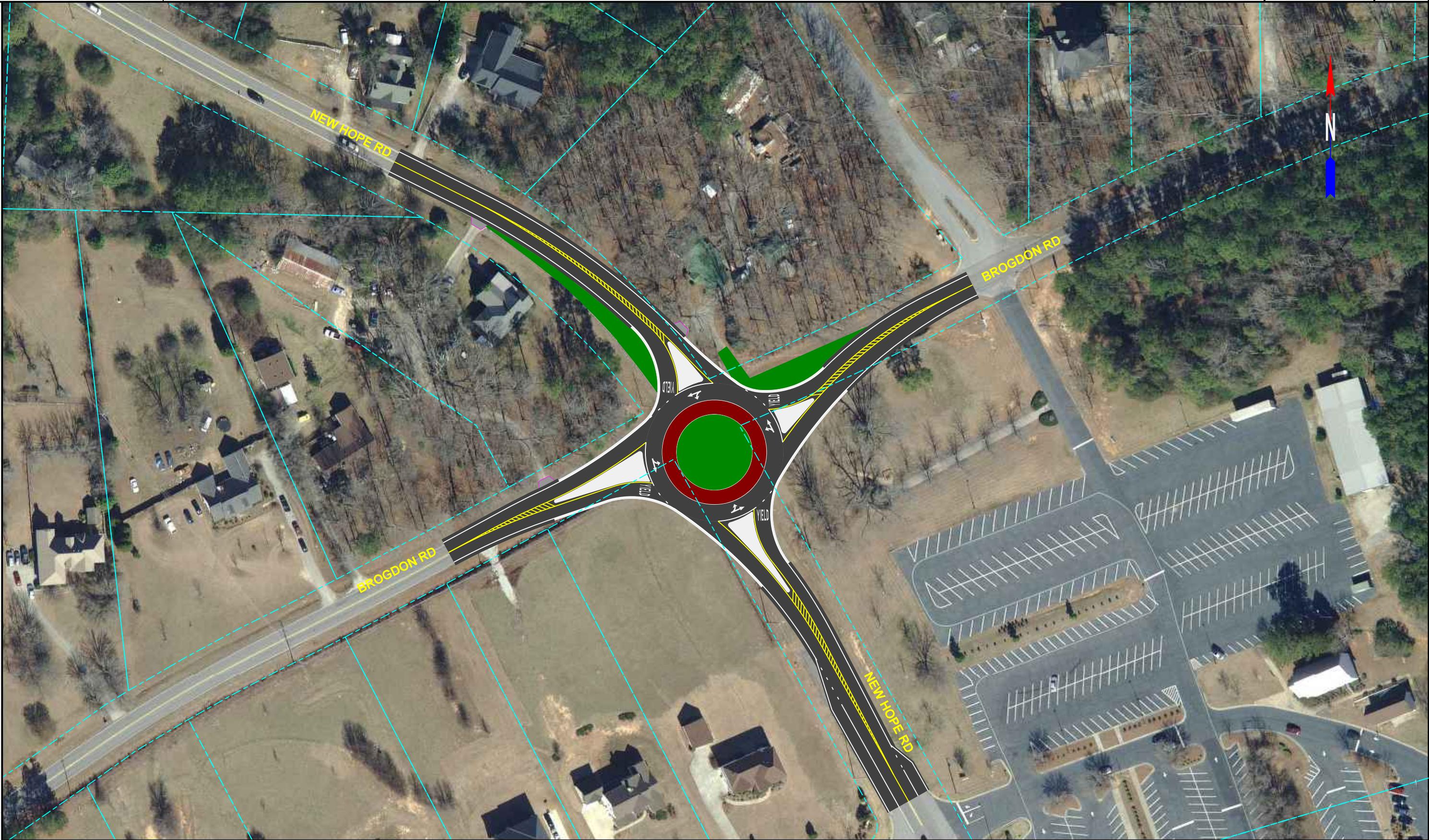
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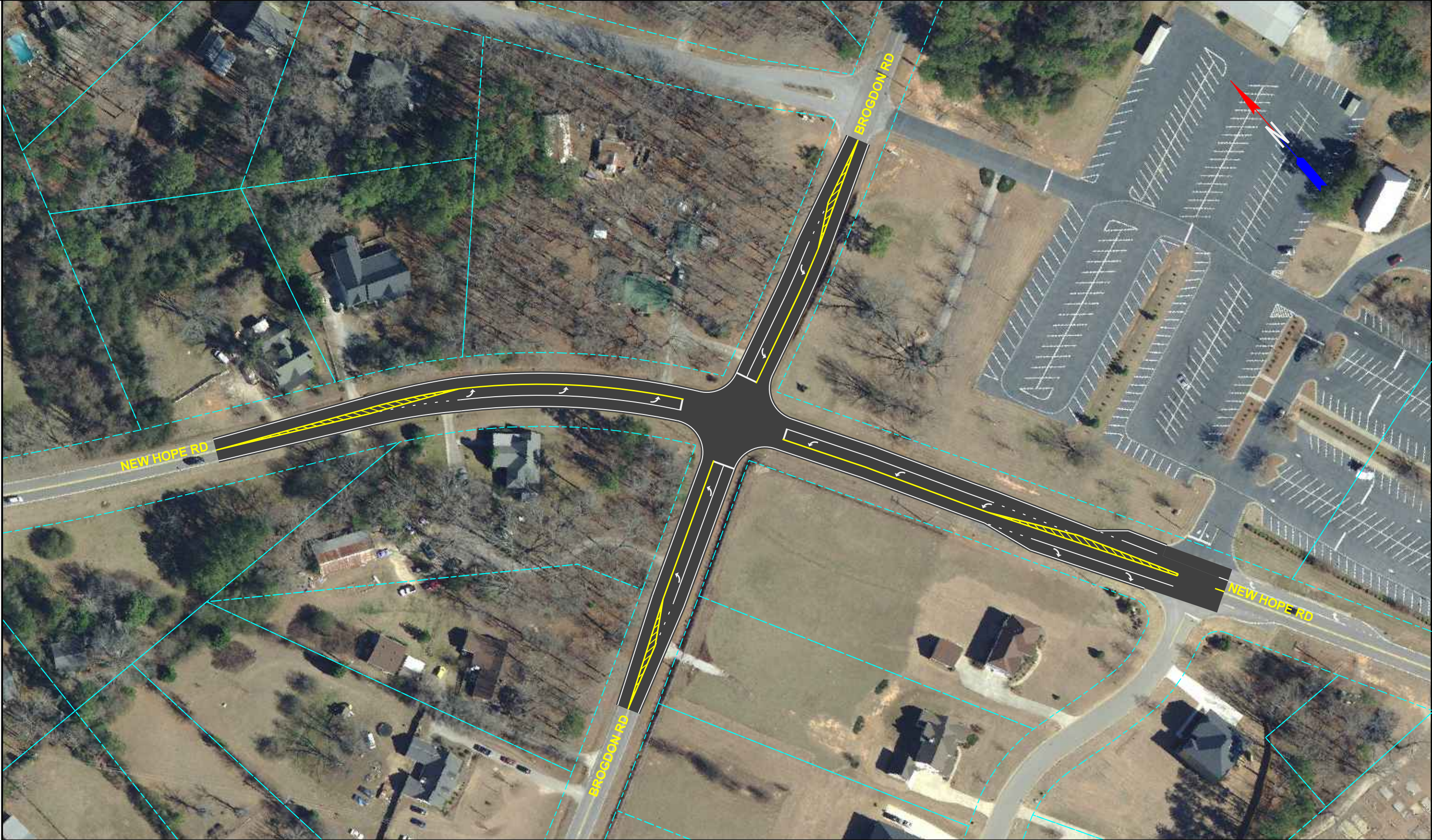
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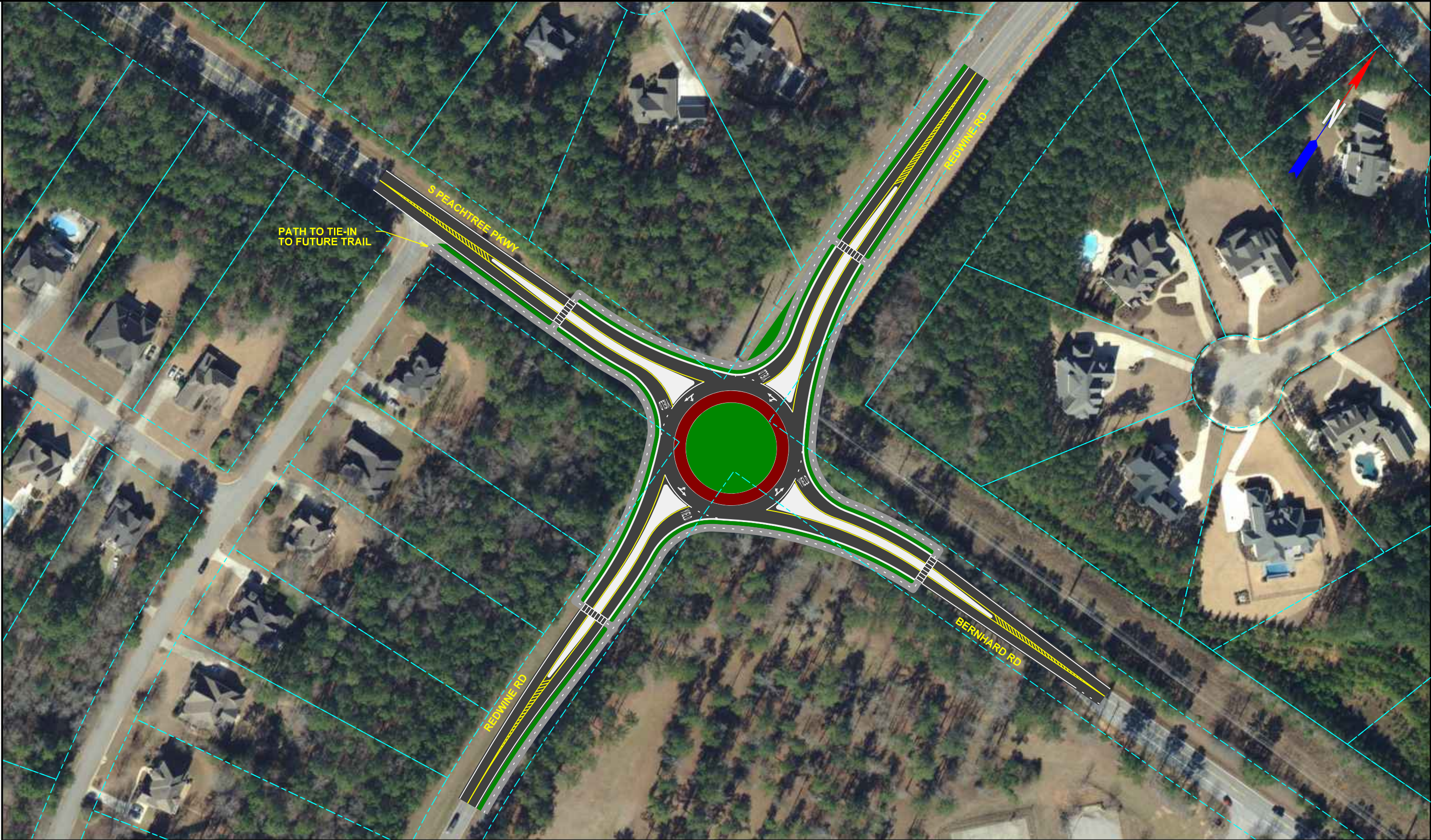
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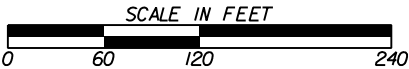
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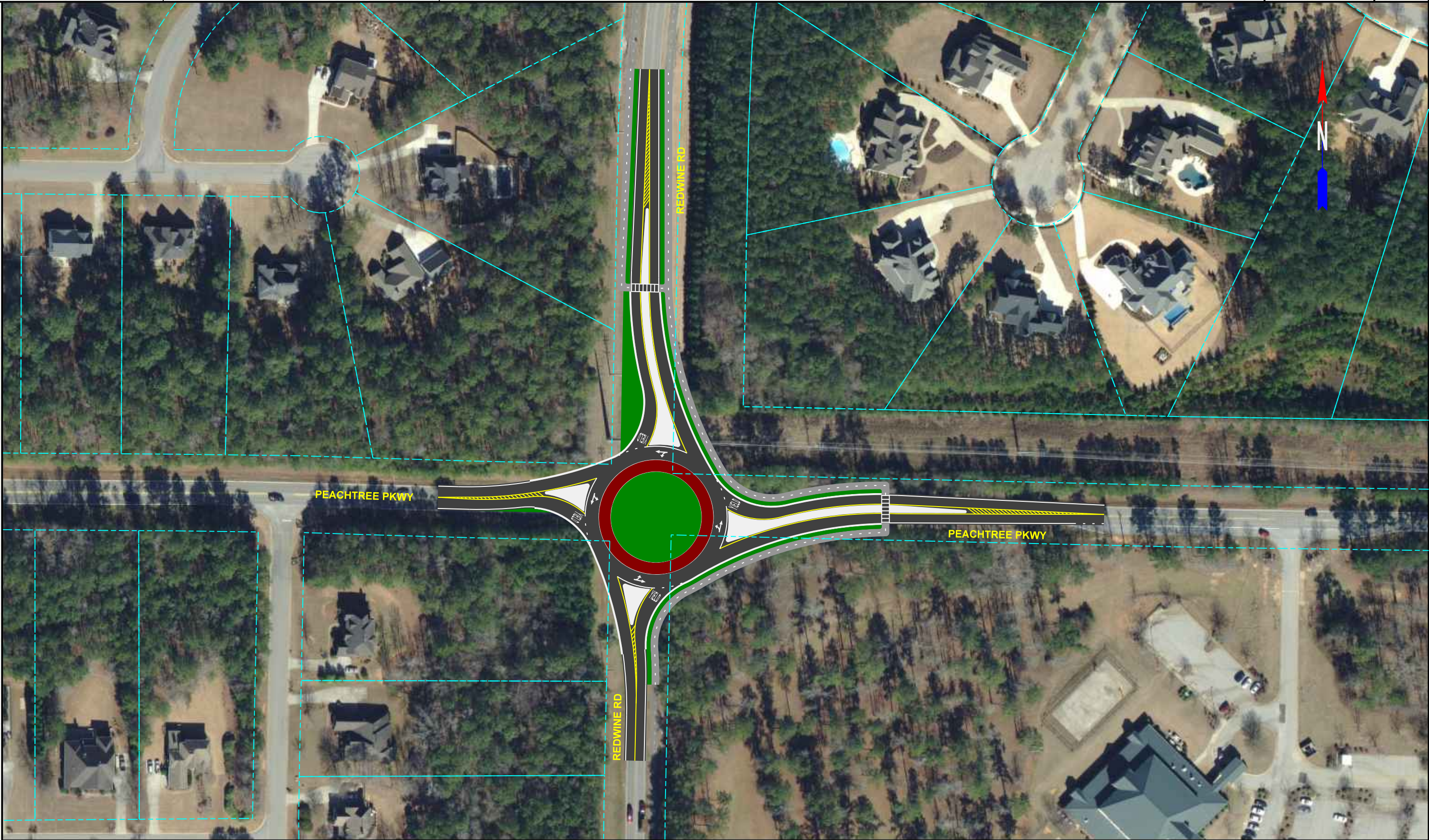


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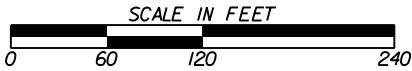
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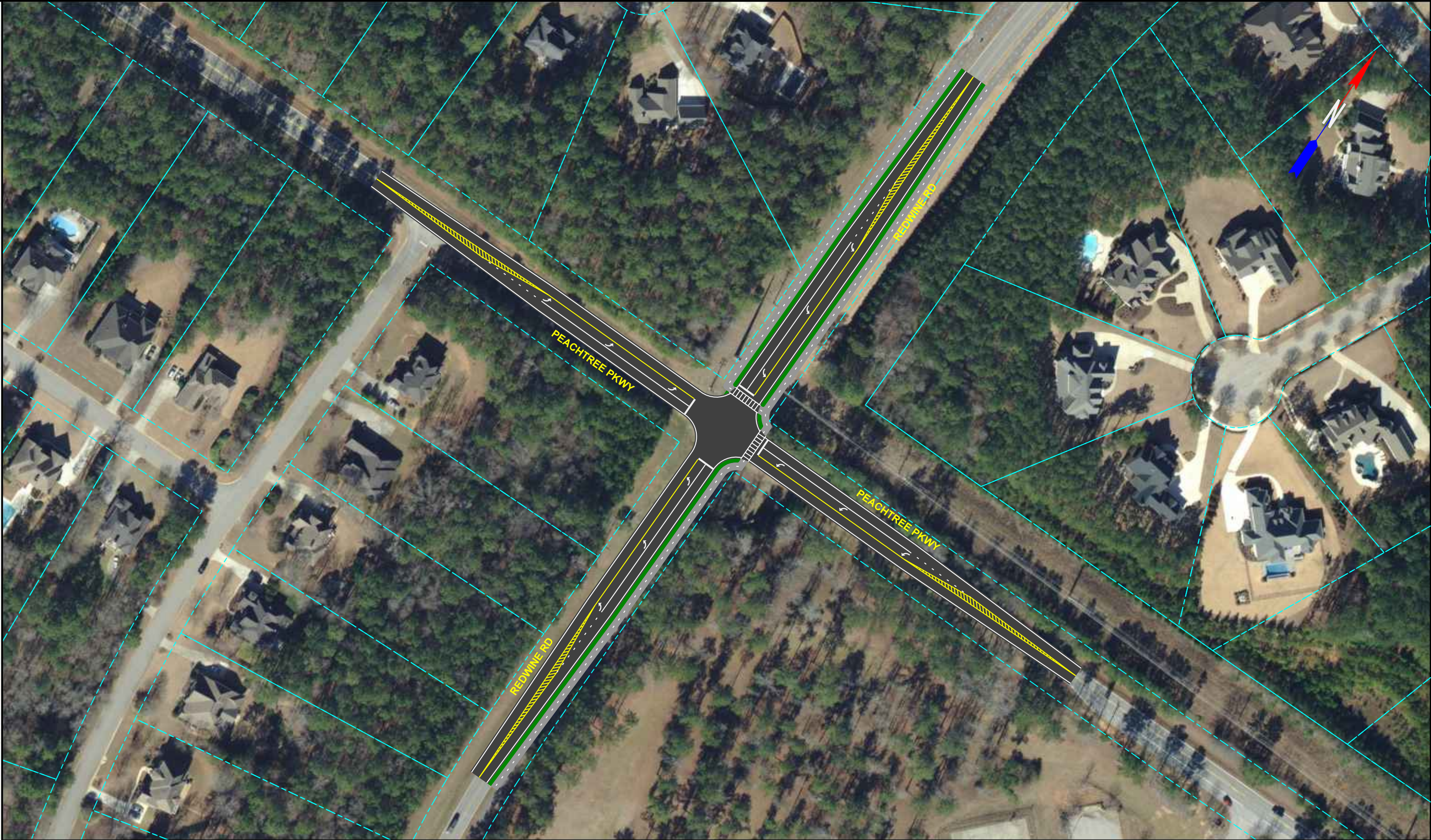


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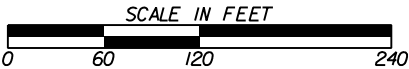
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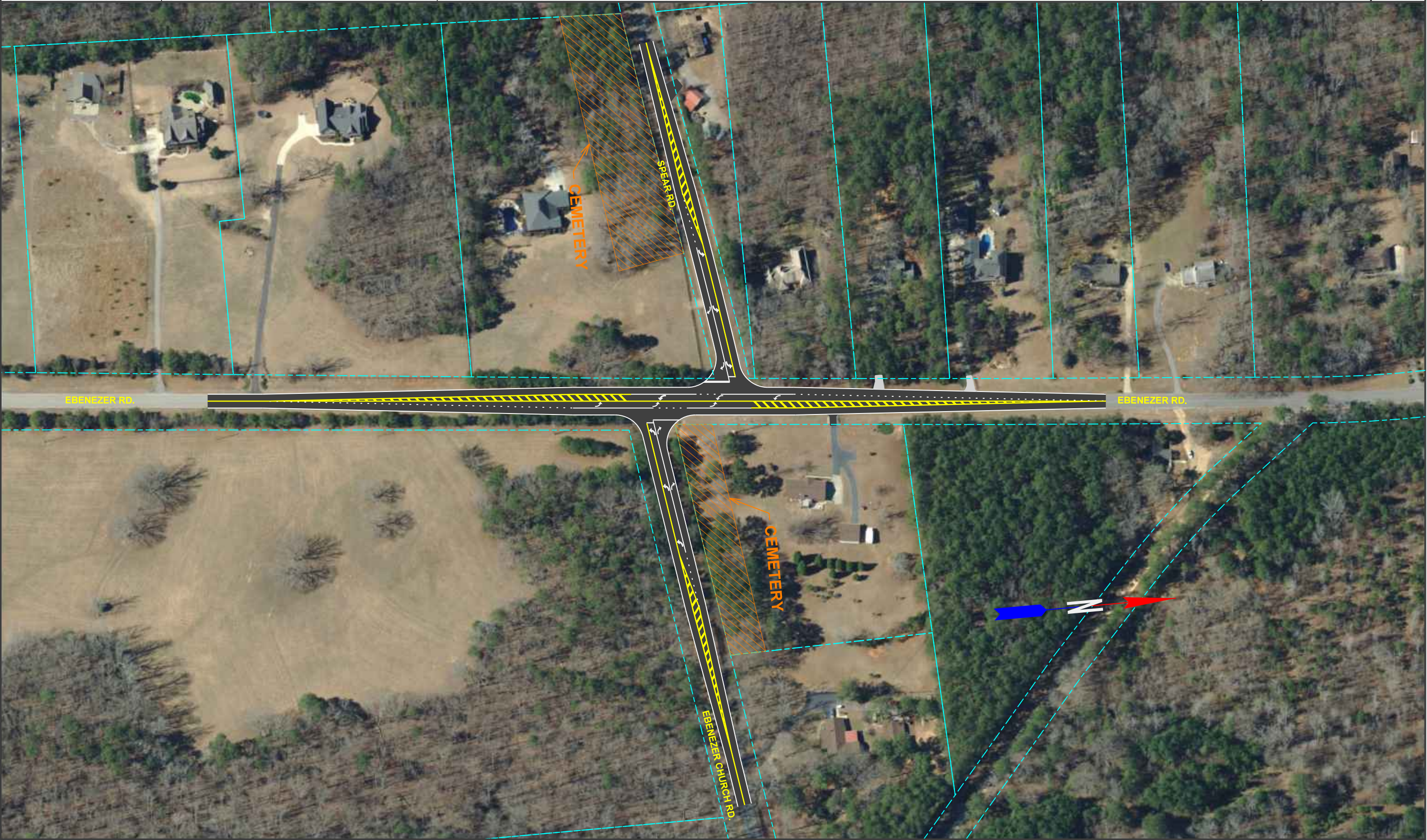


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