



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Department of Transportation

# Locally Administered Projects – Project Selection and Screening

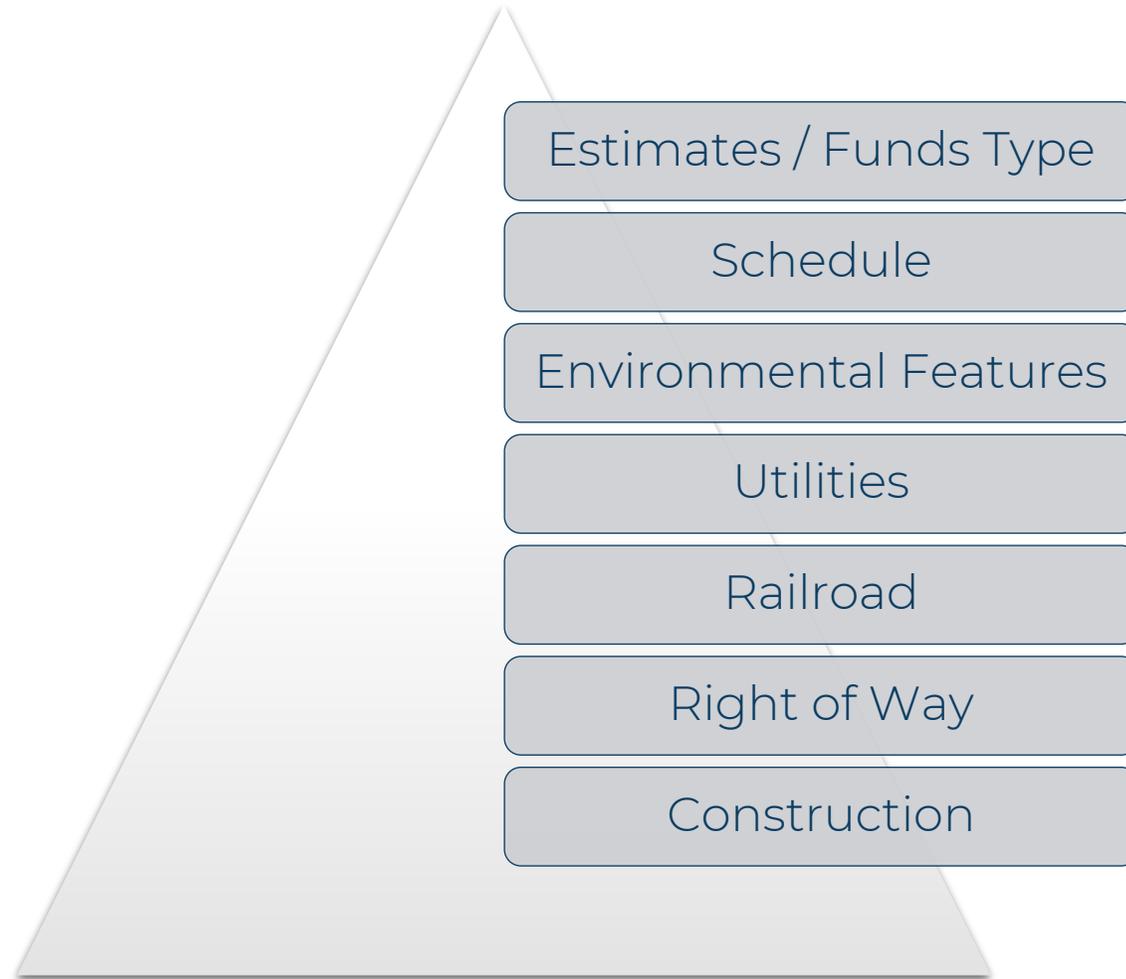
Matt Jones, PE

Division 9 Project Development Engineer

August 14, 2024

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina

## Screening Projects – Things to Consider



## Estimates

- Initial estimates should ideally be based off quantities and conceptual design
- Rule of thumb estimates are very difficult in today's market.
- Use current prices and consider timing of project
- NCDOT publishes Average Bid Prices
- Contingencies
- Affect your programming/budgets and the STIP
- Account for NCDOT costs associated with the project



## Estimates

### Preliminary Engineering

- Costs will likely exceed 15% of construction costs
  - Depends on timeline / schedule
  - Scope and scale of project

### Right of Way

- Account for the cost of acquiring the parcels – PEF services can range from \$5K-\$10K per parcel
- Take time to look at the area and account for impacts and damages in your estimates – R/W costs have increased like everything else
- Costs are often out of your control

### Utilities

- PUE needs – think about right of way impacts
- Relocation costs continue to increase
  - Rule of Thumb for some common utilities:
- Encroaching facilities vs. reimbursable

Duke Energy/Dominion Distribution Pole	\$27,500.00
Clearing Per Acre	\$50,000.00
Directional Boring up to 4" Per Linear Foot	\$250.00
Transmission (115kv/230kv) Self-Supporting Steel Pole	\$350,000.00
Transmission (500kv) Any Structure Type	\$750,000.00

# Estimates

## Construction

TIP No.	TIP Number	Express Design	County	CONSTR COST \$0			
Route							
From							
Typical Section	Describe the M.L. Typical Section						
Number of lanes	2 or 3 lanes, 4 or more lanes						
Drainage Type	Curb & Gutter, Shoulder						
Prepared By:		Date					
Requested By:							
Priced By:							
Line Item	Des	See No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Amount
M			Mobilization	1	LS	\$	\$ -
M			Construction Surveying	1	LS	\$	\$ -
G			Clearing and Grubbing		Acre	\$	\$ -
G			Supplemental Clearing and Grubbing		Acre	\$	\$ -
G			Reinforced Bridge Approach Fills (1 Br = 1 RBAF)		Each	\$	\$ -
<b>Earthwork</b>							
G			Unclassified Excavation		CY	\$	\$ -
G			Borrow Excavation		CY	\$	\$ -
G			Removal of Existing Pavement (Asphalt or Concrete)		SY	\$	\$ -
<b>Drainage</b>							
D			Drainage New Location - Typical Section / C&G / Shoulder (L or Y Line)		Miles	\$	\$ -
D			Drainage Existing Location - Typical Section / C&G / Shoulder (L or Y Line)		Miles	\$	\$ -
<b>Pavement (Asphalt or Concrete)</b>							
P1			Fine Grading		SY	\$	\$ -
P1			New Pavement		SY	\$	\$ -
P1			Pavement Widening		SY	\$	\$ -
P1			Pavement Resurfacing		SY	\$	\$ -
P1			"Average Asphalt Wedging		SY	\$	\$ -
P1			Subgrade Stabilization		SY	\$	\$ -
P2			1'-6" Concrete Curb and Gutter		LF	\$	\$ -
P2			2'-6" Concrete Curb and Gutter		LF	\$	\$ -
P2			4" Concrete Sidewalk		SY	\$	\$ -
P2			5" Monolithic Islands		SY	\$	\$ -
GR			Guardrail		LF	\$	\$ -
GR			Guardrail End Units		EA	\$	\$ -
GR			Guardrail Anchor Units		EA	\$	\$ -
GR			Removal of Existing Guardrail		LF	\$	\$ -
<b>Fencing</b>							
R			Woven Wire		LF	\$	\$ -
F			Chain Link		LF	\$	\$ -
L			Erosion Control		Acres	\$	\$ -
<b>Signaling</b>							
S			Are there overhead signs?		Miles	\$	\$ -
S			Interchange Signage		Each	\$	\$ -
S			Diamond		Each	\$	\$ -
S			Half Clover		Each	\$	\$ -
S			SPL1		Each	\$	\$ -
S			Flyover		Each	\$	\$ -
S			Other.....		Each	\$	\$ -
<b>Traffic Control</b>							
Y			Staged Construction (L or Y Line)		Miles	\$	\$ -
PM			Thermo and Pavement Marking (Typical Section - L or Y)		Miles	\$	\$ -
T			New PR Signal with Gates		Each	\$	\$ -
T			Rubber Railroad Crossing		Each	\$	\$ -
Z			Traffic Signal (New)		Each	\$	\$ -
Z			Traffic Signal (Upgrade)		Each	\$	\$ -
<b>STRUCTURES</b>							
B			Bridge - (Length & Width)		SF	\$	\$ -
B			Construction, Maintenance, & Removal of Temporary Structure		LS	\$	\$ -
B			Removal of Existing Structure (Width x Length)		SF	\$	\$ -
B			Bridge Approach Slabs (2 @ Width x Length)		SF	\$	\$ -
<b>Walls</b>							
W			Noise Walls (Length x Avg Height)		SF	\$	\$ -
W			MSE Retaining Walls (Length x Avg Height)		SF	\$	\$ -
W			Gravity Retaining Walls (Length x Avg Height)		SF	\$	\$ -
<b>Calverts</b>							
C			Number & Size of Barrels (New or Extension)		LF	\$	\$ -
<b>Utility Construction</b>							
U			Relocate Existing Water Line		LF	\$	\$ -
U			Relocate Existing Sewer Line		LF	\$	\$ -
Miscellaneous (10% Strs & Util)							
Miscellaneous (40% Roadway)							
lgth	Miles						
Contract Cost							\$
E. & C. 1619							\$
Construction Cost							\$

(% - Roadway, Str & Utilities)

Roadway

Strs & Util

Description	Quantity	Unit	Cost
Mobilization	1	LS	\$
Construction Surveying	1	LS	\$
Clearing and Grubbing		Acre	\$
Supplemental Clearing and Grubbing		Acre	\$
Reinforced Bridge Approach Fills (1 Br = 1 RBAF)		Each	\$
<b>Earthwork</b>			
Unclassified Excavation		CY	\$
Borrow Excavation		CY	\$
Removal of Existing Pavement (Asphalt or Concrete)		SY	\$
<b>Drainage</b>			
Drainage New Location - Typical Section / C&G / Shoulder (L or Y Line)		Miles	\$
Drainage Existing Location - Typical Section / C&G / Shoulder (L or Y Line)		Miles	\$
<b>Pavement (Asphalt or Concrete)</b>			
Fine Grading		SY	\$
New Pavement		SY	\$
Pavement Widening		SY	\$
Pavement Resurfacing		SY	\$
"Average Asphalt Wedging		SY	\$
Subgrade Stabilization		SY	\$
1'-6" Concrete Curb and Gutter		LF	\$
2'-6" Concrete Curb and Gutter		LF	\$
4" Concrete Sidewalk		SY	\$
5" Monolithic Islands		SY	\$
Guardrail		LF	\$
Guardrail End Units		EA	\$
Guardrail Anchor Units		EA	\$
Removal of Existing Guardrail		LF	\$

# Estimates

## Construction

TIP No.		<b>TIP Number</b>		<b>Express Design</b>		County:		
Route								
From							<b>CONSTR. COST</b>	
Typical Section			Describe the ML Typical Section				<b>\$0</b>	
Number of Lanes			2 or 3 lanes, 4 or more lanes					
Drainage Type			Curb & Gutter, Shoulder					
				<b>Date</b>				
Prepared By:								
Requested By:								
Priced By:								
<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Des</b>	<b>Sec No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
M			Mobilization	1	LS	\$ -	\$ -	(5% - Roadway, Str & Utilities)
			Miscellaneous (10% Strs & Util)				\$ -	\$ -
			Miscellaneous (40% Roadway)				\$ -	\$ -
<b>Lgth</b>	<b>___ Miles</b>					<b>Contract Cost</b> .....	\$ -	\$ -
						<b>E. &amp; C. 16%</b> .....	\$ -	\$ -
						<b>Construction Cost</b> .....	\$ -	\$ -

- 5% included for Mobilization
- 10% Miscellaneous (Contingency) for Structure and Utility Items
- 40% Miscellaneous (Contingency) for Roadway Items
- 16% Engineering and Contingency for overall project – 10% CEI and 6% contingency (overruns)

Note: Contract administration costs – can exceed 20% of construction costs for local projects: E&C = ~26%

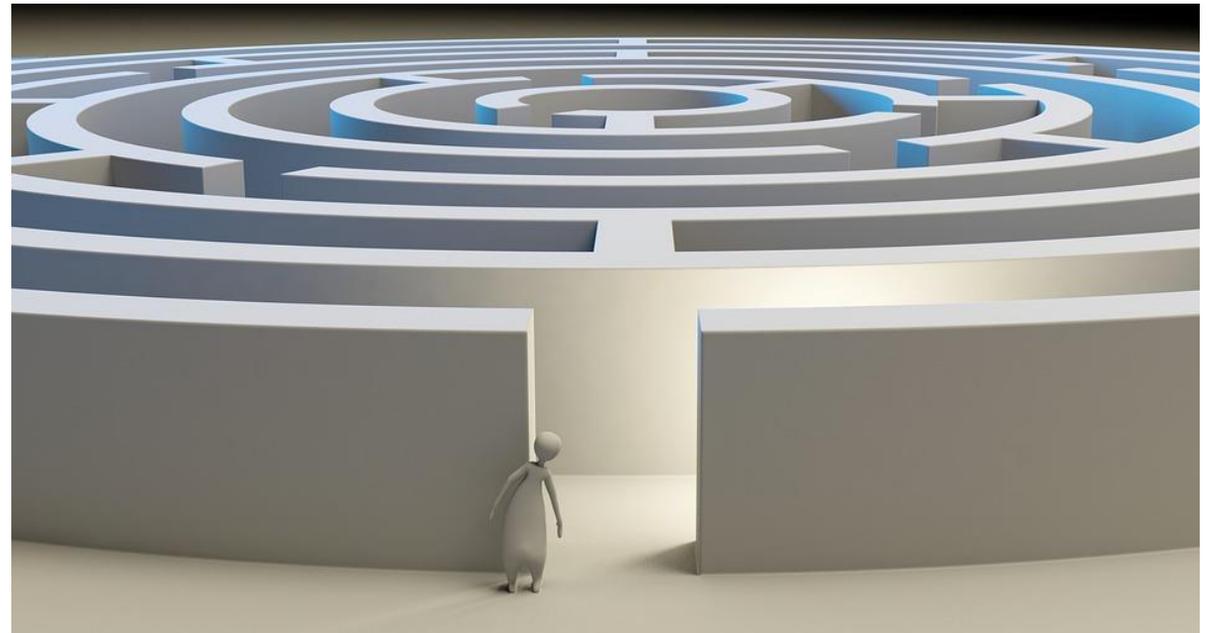
## **Schedule**

- Be realistic when setting schedules – It's going to take longer than you anticipate
- Locally Administered Projects are in the STIP and must have a schedule!
  - LAP's affect the programming of the STIP
- Program all phases initially – PE, R/W and Construction
- Project delivery is a major emphasis with NCDOT
- When milestones are missed continually, everyone looks bad
- Expect the unexpected

# Schedule

## What to Consider

- NCDOT / FHWA requirements
- Administrative Actions and Timelines
  - STIP amendments, Municipal Agreements, funding requests/approvals, reviews, etc.
- Railroad
- Environmental Requirements
- Right of Way
- Utilities



## Schedule

### Environmental

- Utilize your technical experts!
- Use GIS and other available resources
  - NCDOT ATLAS Screening Templates – training and resources available online
- Threatened / Endangered Species
  - Survey windows and moratoriums
  - Time for consultations
- Planning and Environmental Documentation Process!



## Schedule

### Right of Way

- Must follow the Uniform Act
- Condemnations
- Unique Issues – multiple owners, title issues, etc.
- Septic Impacts
- Availability of resources – acquisition, appraisals

### Utilities

- Power companies will not begin engineering until hydro designs are complete
- Don't forget about underground utilities / shared use on poles
- Utility company scheduling of work – remember, you aren't the only impact to them
- Even a small project can have a big effect on utilities
- Needs to be complete before construction begins

IT'S GOING TO  
TAKE LONGER  
THAN YOU  
THINK!!



# Why is Screening Important for Project Selection

- Any project can be successful, takes proper planning
- Estimates / Schedule
- What are my risks?
- Major Milestones
- Cost / Time savings
- Consult NCDOT

## Our Mission

Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina



## Our Goals

- Make transportation safer/Vision Zero
- Improve the reliability and connectivity of the transportation system
- Deliver and maintain our infrastructure effectively and efficiently
- Provide great customer service
- Be a great place to work
- Be a transparent and accountable organization
- Be a diverse and inclusive organization
- Be an innovative organization



# Contact Us

---

**Matt Jones, PE**

[mwjones2@ncdot.gov](mailto:mwjones2@ncdot.gov)

336-747-7800

 [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov)

 [@NC DOT](https://twitter.com/NC DOT)

 [ncdotcom](https://www.instagram.com/ncdotcom)

 [NC DOTcommunications](https://www.youtube.com/NC DOTcommunications)

 [ncdotcom](https://www.soundcloud.com/ncdotcom)

 [@NC DOT](https://www.facebook.com/NC DOT)

 [NC DOT](https://www.linkedin.com/company/NC DOT)

 [NC DOTcommunications](https://discord.com/invite/NC DOTcommunications)

 [View All Channels](#)

**Thank you!**

