



To: Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Stephanie Kutz, Transportation Manager
Subject: Removal of U-5787 (Trade Street Extension) from the STIP

6/11/2026

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is requested to consider a recommendation supporting removal of STIP Project U-5787, SR 2715 (Trade Street) Extension, from the 2026–2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Updated cost estimates for the project indicate a significant increase in total project costs compared to 2022 estimates, with continued escalation projected for the 2026 delivery year. The increase is largely driven by right-of-way acquisition requirements, including parcels containing existing stormwater management facilities. Right-of-way associated with stormwater facilities is not eligible for funding by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), resulting in a significant local funding obligation for the City of Jacksonville.

Given the increased cost burden and resulting feasibility concerns relative to the anticipated project benefits, Project U-5787 is no longer considered a cost-effective use of constrained transportation funding. Upon TAC approval, MPO staff will forward the resolution to NCDOT and initiate a subsequent amendment to the 2026–2035 STIP/MTIP to formally remove the project from the program.

TCC Recommended Action: Approval of Resolution Supporting Removal of Project U-5787 from the STIP

Attachment: Resolution Supporting Removal of Project U-5787 from the STIP



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF STIP PROJECT U-5787 (TRADE STREET EXTENSION) FROM THE 2026-2035 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote, was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO is responsible for establishing regional transportation planning priorities in cooperation with local, state, and federal partners, and providing input to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) develops and maintains the STIP, which identifies transportation projects and funding over a ten-year period; and

WHEREAS, STIP Project U-5787, identified as Trade Street (SR 2715) Extension from Gum Branch Road to McDaniel Drive, is currently programmed in the 2026-2035 STIP; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates for Project U-5787 developed in 2022 first identified a substantial increase in project costs, with continued escalation projected for the 2026 delivery year, largely driven by right-of-way acquisition requirements; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way acquisition associated with stormwater management facilities is not eligible for funding by the NCDOT, thereby requiring the City of Jacksonville to acquire parcels containing existing stormwater ponds and resulting in a significant local financial burden; and

WHEREAS, these cost increases present feasibility challenges relative to the anticipated transportation benefits of the project and limit the effective use of available transportation funding; and

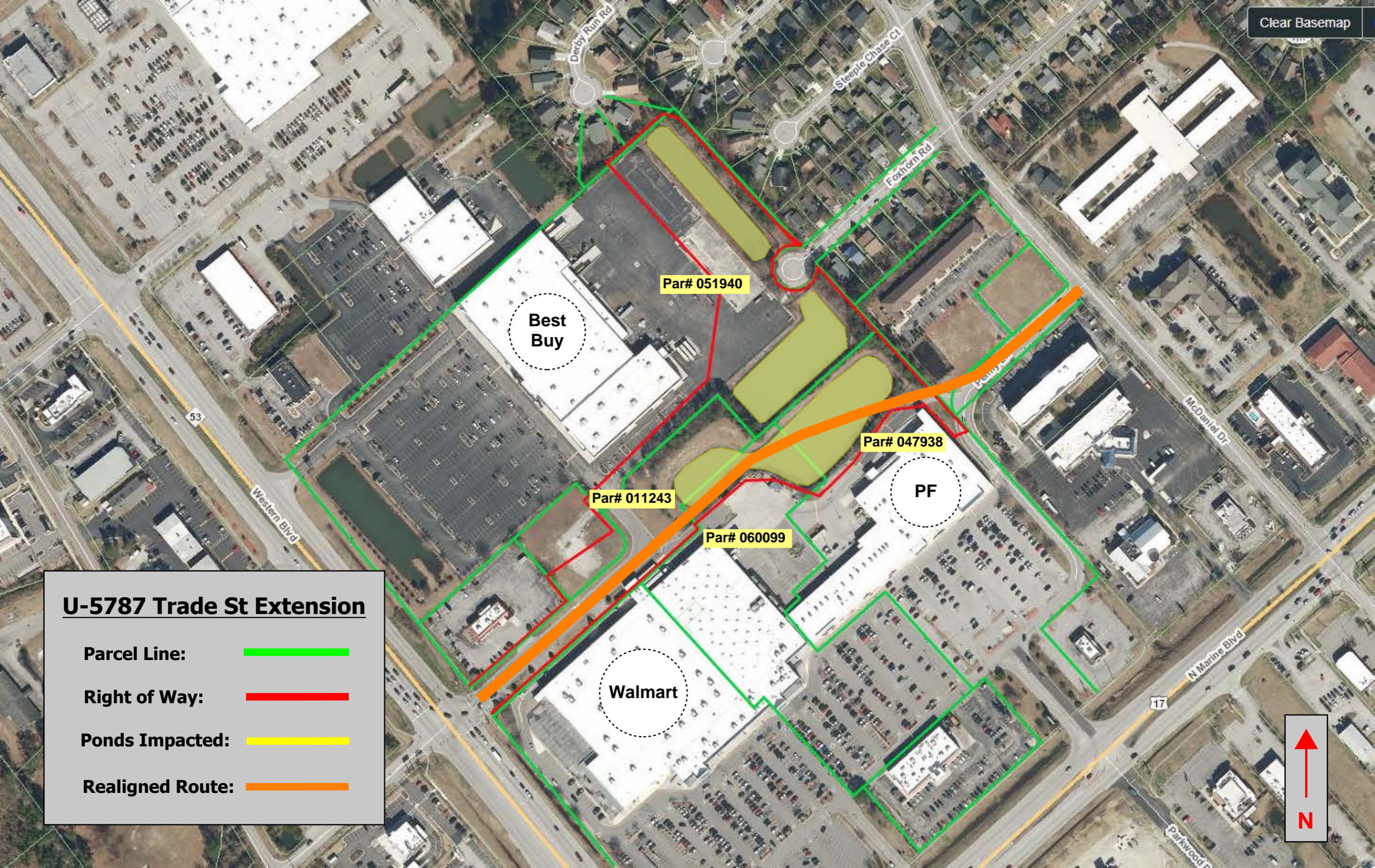
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO hereby supports the removal of STIP Project U-5787 from the 2026–2035 State Transportation Improvement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TAC respectfully requests that NCDOT amend the STIP accordingly and reallocate available funding toward an existing under-funded project in Onslow County, preferably U-5716 (US 258/NC 24/NC 53 Interchange).


Adopted on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

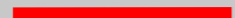
Cindy Edwards, TAC Chair


Stephanie Kutz, TAC Secretary



U-5787 Trade St Extension

Parcel Line: 

Right of Way: 

Ponds Impacted: 

Realigned Route: 