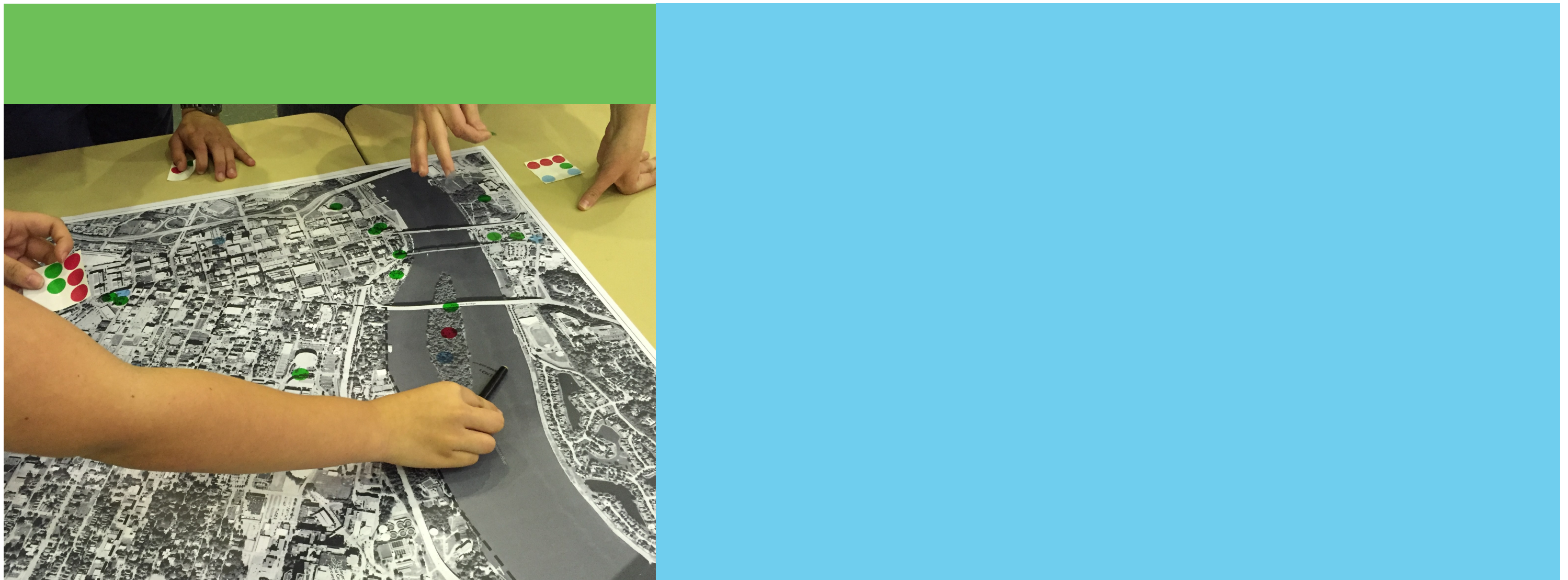
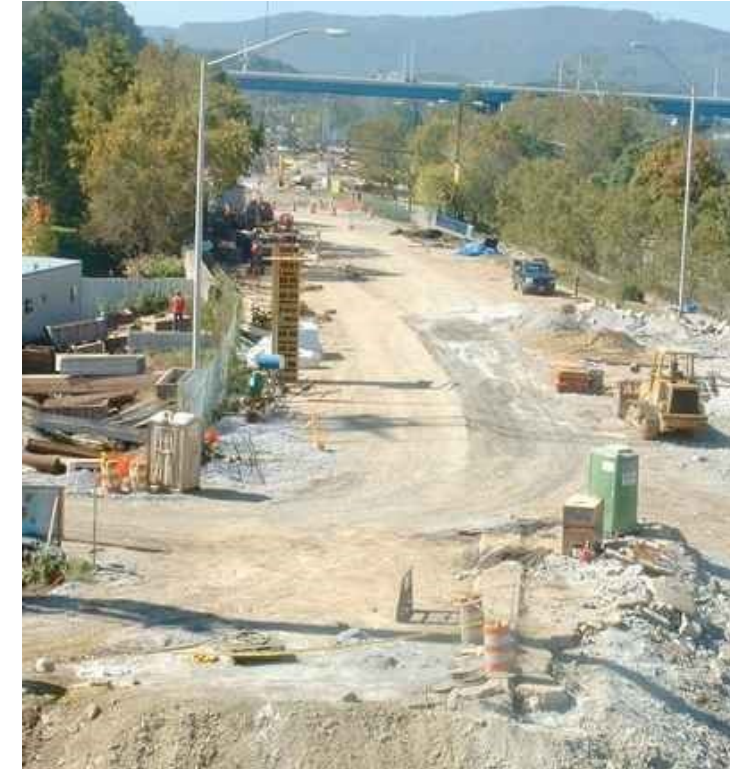
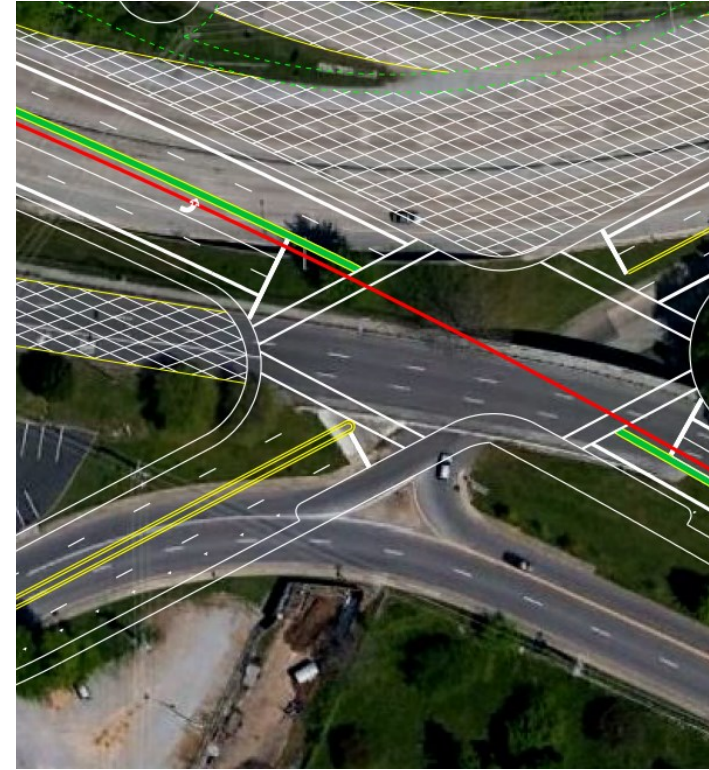


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NEPA PHASE

The 3rd and 4th Street Improvements project involves the use of federal funds which requires the preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document. The purpose of the NEPA document is to identify, review, and assess the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project on the environment.

As part of the NEPA Phase various technical studies will be undertaken, including:

- Traffic and Safety
- Ecology, Wetlands, Endangered Species
- Floodplains
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Section 6(f) Evaluation
- Archaeological Resources
- Architectural/Historical Resources
- Hazardous Materials
- Environmental Justice
- Relocations and Displacements
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Considerations
- Environmental Commitments
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Other Issues

DESIGN / RIGHT-OF-WAY PHASE

The Design / Right-of-Way Phase will involve the preparation of preliminary, right-of-way and construction plans for the proposed transportation improvements identified in the conceptual master plan and evaluated during the NEPA process.

As part of the Complete Streets Ordinance recently adopted by the City of Chattanooga, the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide, NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide, and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares Manual, were established as the official design standards for use in designing transportation projects. These and other established City standards will govern the design decisions for this project.

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Once the project has been designed and any required right-of-way purchased, the City of Chattanooga will hire a contractor to construct the transportation improvements. All construction will involve close coordination with adjacent property owners, local business, and commuters to ensure the least amount of disruption.

SCHEDULE

The schedule for the 3rd and 4th Street Improvements project consists of four (4) major phases. The Planning Phase, which involved data gathering and two charrettes, began in July 2015 and concluded with the preparation of this masterplan which outlines the transportation concepts and ideas that will be evaluated during the NEPA phase of the project.

During the NEPA Phase, which is expected to last approximately one year, potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project on the environment will be identified, reviewed, and assessed and preliminary design concepts for the proposed improvements will be explored. These preliminary designs will be more fully developed as part of the Design / Right-of-Way Phase which will get underway in early 2017 and conclude in early to mid 2018. Depending on the schedule of the prior phases, the Construction Phase is anticipated to commence in mid to late 2018.

Public and stakeholder outreach and engagement opportunities will occur throughout all phases of the project.

