

NOTICE OF A PRE-HEARING WORKSHOP, DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING AND
ROADWAY CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
IMPROVEMENTS TO NC 11 AND US 264 BUSINESS
(GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS)

TIP Project No. R-2250

Pitt County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at the Temple Free Will Baptist Church (FWB), located at 130 West Fire Tower Road, Winterville, 28590.

NCDOT representatives will be available at a Pre-Hearing Open House, in the gymnasium of Temple FWB Church between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours.

The formal public hearing for the proposed project will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Temple FWB Church. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed design, and right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and/or comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Anyone wishing to speak at the formal hearing may register to do so at the pre-hearing workshop, immediately prior to the formal hearing or by calling Mr. Ed Lewis at (919) 715-1593. Speakers will be called in the order they signed up. A five-minute time limit will be imposed for speaking in order to allow a fair opportunity for all those wishing to do so. Additional spoken comments will be received after those who registered have finished their comments.

NCDOT proposes the construction of an eleven-mile controlled-access freeway facility for the Stantonsburg Road (US 264 Business) / Memorial Drive (NC 11) corridor on a new location. Bypass Alternate 4-EXT was chosen as the preferred alternative based on public comments received at the Corridor Public Hearing (September 7, 2006), comments made upon review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and upon agency coordination.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and congestion on Memorial Drive (NC 11) and Stantonsburg Road (US 264 Business); relieve congestion on NC 11 in Greenville, thereby improving safety and reducing accident potential; and improve regional travel along the US 264 / NC 11 corridor.

The public hearing will also serve as a Roadway Corridor Official Map Act Public Hearing for the Greenville Southwest Bypass in Pitt County. This will amend the Roadway Corridor adopted in 1993. Under this General Statute, building permits will be restricted within the protected corridor.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document, the Administrative Action State Record of Decision (ROD), is available for public review at the following locations:

Greenville Public Works Department
1500 Beatty Street
Greenville, 27834

Ayden Town Hall
4144 West Avenue
Ayden, 28513

Pitt County Planning Department
1717 West Fifth Street
Greenville, 27834

Winterville Town Hall
2571 Railroad Street
Winterville, 28590

NCDOT Division Engineer's Office
Highway Division 2
105 Pictolus Highway (NC 33)
Greenville, 27835

A copy of the environmental document only, the Administrative Action State Record of Decision (ROD), is also available for public review at the following locations:

Winterville Public Library
2613 Railroad Street
Winterville, 28590

Public Library (East Branch)
2000 Cedar Lane
Greenville, 27858

Farmville Public Library
4276 West Church Street
Farmville, 27828

Sheppard Memorial Library
530 Evans Street
Greenville, 27858

Ayden Public Library
451 Second Street
Ayden, 28513

Public Library (Carver Branch)
618 W.14th Avenue
Greenville, 27834

Public Library (Blount Branch)
201 Ives Street
Bethel, 27812

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Ed Lewis, Human Environment Unit, at 1583 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1583, phone (919) 715-1593, or email elewis@ncdot.gov. Additional written comments may be submitted to Mr. Lewis until December 22, 2008.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Lewis as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.