

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JANUARY 30TH IN LEXINGTON FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE N.C. 8 (WINSTON ROAD) BRIDGE OVER U.S. 29-64-70/BUSINESS 85

TIP Project No. B-3159

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in January regarding the proposed project to replace the N.C. 8 (Winston Road) bridge over U.S. 29-64-70/Business 85 in Davidson County.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday, Jan. 30th**, at **Lexington Senior High School**, located at **26 Penry Street in Lexington**. The open house will be held in the **cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing.

Built in 1950, the existing bridge is reaching the end of its life cycle and needs to be replaced to meet current and future traffic demands. The new bridge will accommodate all traffic, including trucks and emergency vehicles, as it will not be subject to the load restrictions of the current bridge. The bridge will also be raised to provide for adequate clearance over US 29/64/70/Business 85.

NCDOT is planning to replace the bridge at its current location. The interchange ramps will be reconfigured and the existing pedestrian bridge over US 29/64/70/Business 85 will be removed. Traffic will be maintained on-site during construction. This project will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way, and construction is scheduled to begin in June 2015.

For additional information, contact Greg Blakeney with the NCDOT - Project Development Bridge Section at (919) 707-6170, gmlakeney@ncdot.gov or 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548. Please submit comments by Friday, February 28, 2014.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Blakeney as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling (800) 481-6494.