

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR
THE PROPOSED N.C. 87 IMPROVEMENTS FROM U.S. 74-76 IN COLUMBUS
COUNTY TO THE ELIZABETHTOWN BYPASS IN BLADEN COUNTY

TIP Project No. R-2561

Columbus and Bladen Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to widen the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a 46-foot median. The proposed project is about 30 miles long.

Two alternatives for the project were presented at public hearings held in January and February 2012. Alternative A would widen existing N.C. 87 from the Elizabethtown Bypass to U.S. 74-76 along the existing N.C. 87 route. Alternative B would widen existing N.C. 87 from the Elizabethtown Bypass to N.C. 11, rerouting N.C. 87 along N.C. 11 and continuing east to the existing U.S. 74-76 / N.C. 87 intersection. Since the public hearings, NCDOT has investigated additional alternatives and is now considering a Riegelwood bypass option for Alternative A. This bypass would extend around the east side of Riegelwood from south of Old N.C. 87 (S.R. 1872) to near Old Lake Road (S.R. 1740).

The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and reduce travel time along the N.C. 87 corridor between Elizabethtown and U.S. 74-76. Additional right of way and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project.

NCDOT will hold a citizens informational workshop for the above project on **Monday, May 13, 2013** from **4 p.m.** until **7 p.m.** at **Acme-Delco Elementary School**, located at **16337 Old Lake Road** in **Riegelwood**.

Interested individuals may attend this informal workshop any time during the above hours. NCDOT representatives will display maps and be available to answer questions and receive comments. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation.

For additional information contact Kim Gillespie, NCDOT- Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6023 or via email at kgillespie@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Gillespie 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 1-800-481-6494.