

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 34 OVER FALLING CREEK ON
29TH AVENUE NE IN HICKORY

TIP Project No. B-5150

Catawba County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting, known as a citizens' informational workshop, for the proposed bridge replacement project on 29th Avenue NE in Hickory on **Tuesday, May 21, 2013**. The meeting will be held between **5- 7 p.m.** at the **Highland Recreation Center**, located at **1451 8th Street Drive in Hickory**.

NCDOT proposes to replace the existing bridge (bridge No. 34) over Falling Creek on 29th Avenue NE (State Road 1404). The existing bridge was built in 1954, and is considered structurally deficient. This means it is safe, but is in relatively poor condition and needs to be replaced.

The bridge will be replaced by a reinforced box culvert with 12-foot lanes, 4-foot paved shoulders and 4-foot grass shoulders. During the construction of the proposed culvert, traffic will be maintained on a two-lane, on-site detour north of the existing bridge. The on-site detour will be in place for approximately one year. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2015.

Citizens are invited to speak individually with NCDOT officials and review the proposed design maps. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the workshop.. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Natalie Lockhart of the NCDOT Project Development Unit at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6175, or via email at nnlockhart@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 NCDOT Public Involvement Group Leader Jamille Robbins at (919) 707-6085 as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak, or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.