

NOTICE OF CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PROPOSED PRIVATE
CROSSING CLOSURES WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD (NCRR)/NORFOLK
SOUTHERN (NS) RAILWAY AT GORDON THOMAS DRIVE AND GREENBRIAR DRIVE

TIP Project No. P-4405I & P-4405J

Orange County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizens Informational Workshop from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Shared Visions Retreat Center (auditorium), located at 3717 Murphey School Road, in Durham. Formal presentations will be provided at 5:15 for the Gordon Thomas Drive project and 6:15 for the Greenbriar Drive project.

The NCDOT Rail Division is proposing the closure of the private railroad crossings at both Gordon Thomas Drive and Greenbriar Drive. Alternate routes will be used when both of these crossings are closed. The alternate route for Gordon Thomas Drive would include Paschall Drive, Couch Mountain Road and Murphy School Road. The alternate route for Greenbriar Drive would be a proposed new road connecting to Spruce Pine Trail and Old N.C. 10.

These crossings are to be closed in the interest of improved safety for local residents using the existing crossings and for rail crews and passengers. This rail line is part of the Southeast High Speed Rail corridor which will have increased train speeds and more freight and passenger trains in the future.

This meeting will provide an update on the project development process and project schedule. Maps will be on display depicting detailed information about the proposed alternate routes for those that currently cross the NCRR/NS railroad at Gordon Thomas Drive and Greenbriar Drive. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer any questions and receive public input. The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided and is encouraged.

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 above hours.

For more information, please contact NCDOT Rail Environmental Engineer, Ryan White, by phone at (919) 707-4717 or by email at: rlwhite@ncdot.gov or NCDOT Rail Division Consultant, Mark Reep of ICA Engineering, Inc. at (919) 900-1635 or by email at: mreep@ICAeng.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. White as early as possible, so 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.