

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING OCT. 21 IN DURHAM FOR A  
VEHICLE/RAILROAD TRAFFIC SEPARATION STUDY (TSS) AND POTENTIAL  
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SEVERAL PUBLIC RAILROAD CROSSINGS  
WBS #: 43113

NCDOT will hold a public hearing in October regarding a vehicle/railroad traffic separation study (TSS) for 18 at-grade public railroad crossings and two grade-separated crossings between Neal Road and Cornwallis Road in Durham. Ensuring the safety of passengers, train crews, motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the surrounding communities is a top priority of the N.C. Department of Transportation, and this study will help NCDOT determine the improvements that are needed to achieve this goal.

The hearing will be held at the Durham City Council Meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013. The City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m., and is located in Council Chambers at Durham City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham.

The study proposed closing four crossings: Dillard Street and Ramseur Street (both would include construction of a new pedestrian grade separation), Plum Street (including construction of a new pedestrian grade separation and greenway connection, and contingent on making improvements to switching operations at the Driver Street crossing), and Wrenn Road (including a new access road to Glover Road, and building a bridge at the Glover Road crossing).

Grade separations (building a bridge over or under the railroad) are proposed at nine crossings: Neal Road, N. LaSalle Street, Blackwell/Corcoran Street, Briggs Avenue, Fayetteville Street, West Ellis Road, Cornwallis Road, East Ellis Road and Glover Road. More information is in the draft report.

Written comments may be submitted until Nov. 19, 2013. To make comments by mail or email, contact Sandra Stepney, NCDOT Rail Division (862 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, NC 27603, phone 919-715-0296, or email [sastepney@ncdot.gov](mailto:sastepney@ncdot.gov)). To make comments at the public hearing, sign up in advance of the meeting by contacting the City Clerk's office at 919-560-4166 or during the Council meeting by completing a "Speakers' List" card located at the City Clerk's desk in the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting.

A copy of the draft report, which includes graphics of the recommendations, is available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Durham Department of Transportation (101 City Hall Plaza, Durham)
- NCDOT Division Office (2612 N. Duke Street, Durham)
- NCDOT Rail Division Office (862 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh).

A copy of the draft report is also available on the City's website at [www.durhamnc.gov](http://www.durhamnc.gov). Enter "TSS" in the search box in the upper right corner for access to the full report and additional study information.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Sandra Stepney, NCDOT Senior Project Engineer, Rail Division, Engineering and Safety Branch, at (919) 715-0296 or by email at [sstepney@ncdot.gov](mailto:sstepney@ncdot.gov).

Información en español estará disponible en la reunión. Puede llamar al 919-803-6881 para recibir mas detalles sobre el proyecto.

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 NCDOT Public Involvement Group Leader Jamille Robbins by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via email at [PublicInvolvement1@ncdot.gov](mailto:PublicInvolvement1@ncdot.gov) so that arrangements can be made.