

NOTICE OF CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE PROPOSED  
WIDENING OF N.C. 105 FROM U.S. 221 IN LINVILLE TO THE N.C. 105 BYPASS (STATE  
ROAD 1107) IN BOONE

TIP Project No. R-2566 A & B

Avery and Watauga Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold three citizens' informational workshops for the above-mentioned proposed highway project in August. These will each be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Monday, August 22 – Foscoe Grandfather Community Center, located at 233 Park Road, in Banner Elk;
- Monday, August 29 – Linville Volunteer Fire Department (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), located at 590 N.C. 105 Highway, in Linville; and
- Tuesday, August 30 – La Quinta Inn & Suites Boone (Grandfather Ballroom) located at 165 Highway 105 Extension, in Boone.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal, open house-style setting to answer questions and gather public input regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may attend at any time during the meeting. There will not be a formal presentation, and the same information will be available at each workshop.

NCDOT proposes to widen N.C. 105 to a four-lane median divided roadway, from U.S. 221 in Linville to N.C. 105 Bypass (State Road 1107) in Boone. N.C. 105 crosses over the Watauga River just north of the Broadstone Road (S.R. 1112) intersection. In addition, the bridge that carries N.C. 105 over the Watauga River north of Broadstone Road (S.R. 1112) intersection is recommended for replacement as part of this project.

The 14.6-mile project is broken into two sections. R-2566A is the southernmost section of the project that begins at U.S. 221 in Linville in Avery County and ends at Clarks Creek Road (S.R. 1136) in Watauga County. R-2566B begins at Clarks Creek Road and ends at N.C. 105 Bypass in Boone.

Section A is unfunded and does not have a scheduled right-of-way acquisition or construction date. Right-of-way acquisition for Section B, which is funded, is scheduled to begin in May 2015, with construction scheduled to begin in March 2018. These dates are subject to change. The relocation of homes and businesses will be required on both sections of the project.

The purpose of this project is to reduce traffic congestion by widening N.C. 105. The proposed improvements are needed to provide a safer roadway for the residents living within Avery and Watauga counties and for the traffic traveling through the area.

For more information, contact Elmo Vance, NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis, at (919) 707-6048, or via email at [eevance@ncdot.gov](mailto:eevance@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 Vance as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.